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### » 'Saipan Development LLC may have already signed agreement'

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) formally asked the Office of the Public Auditor on Friday to "investigate" Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham's signing of a 25-year power purchase agreement that has a guaranteed price of $190.8 million, the same day the Senate adopted a resolution asking for the "cancellation" of the PPA until a full economic analysis is made.

Buckingham

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos already asked for a full economic analysis of the PPA.

That independent study is being done by economist.com, sources said.

This is on top of reviews being done by the Office of the Attorney General and at least three legislative committees.

Inos didn't know about Fitial and Buckingham's actual signing of the PPA until it was reported by the media.

As of last night, there's no word yet from the administration whether it has already cancelled the PPA, although sources said Saipan Development LLC may have already

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## *25-year power deal with Saipan Development could be linked to dry dock project*

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When Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan Fletcher told senators on Thursday that the only Saipan Development LLC representatives he saw weeks before July 10 were Don Kurz of Keystone Shipping and Kenneth Mahmood, lawmakers raised a possible link between the questionable 25-year power purchase agreement and a 25-year land lease for a proposed dry dock and shipyard project in Lower Base.

Mahmood is part owner of Allegiance Capitol Corp., which proposed a dry dock project to the Commonwealth Ports Authority in 2009.

The project would have been at the

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# Local

## NMC posts huge spike in enrollment

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Northern Marianas College recorded a large spike in its enrollment for the new semester, which could probably be the biggest so far recorded by the institution in many years.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart disclosed Friday that the college registered a total of 1,155 full-time equivalent students on Day 4 of the weeklong registration period last Thursday.

Compared to the same period in Fall 2011 with 1,141 FTEs, Thursday's enrollment figure reflects 19-percent increase over the same period last year.

Hart is anticipating the current figure to slightly jump within the week because Fall 2012 registration period ends Friday.

Based on the president's record presented to the board, NMC was able to recruit 158 FTEs on Monday; 354 enrollees recorded on Tuesday; 619 students during Wednesday enrolment; and 1,010 FTEs registered last Thursday. Figures for Friday are not yet available.

Since Wednesday, Hart disclosed that many courses and programs have already recorded their maximum enrollment capacity. NMC has placed additional sections to certain courses to remedy the enrollment situation.

Hart described the enrollment surge as both "good news" and "interestingly challenging" for NMC because of its limited resources for operation.

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents discuss a big spike in this semester's enrollment during a board meeting last Friday. From left are acting chair Elaine Orilla, regent Andrew Orsini, regent Frank Rabauliman, and NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, right.

She said anytime an institution gain more than 20 percent in enrollment, this greatly impacts the overall budget of the college. Hart revealed that the cost of per student education at NMC is at $4,800 per FTE compared to the tuition it can collect per FTE of only about $1,200.

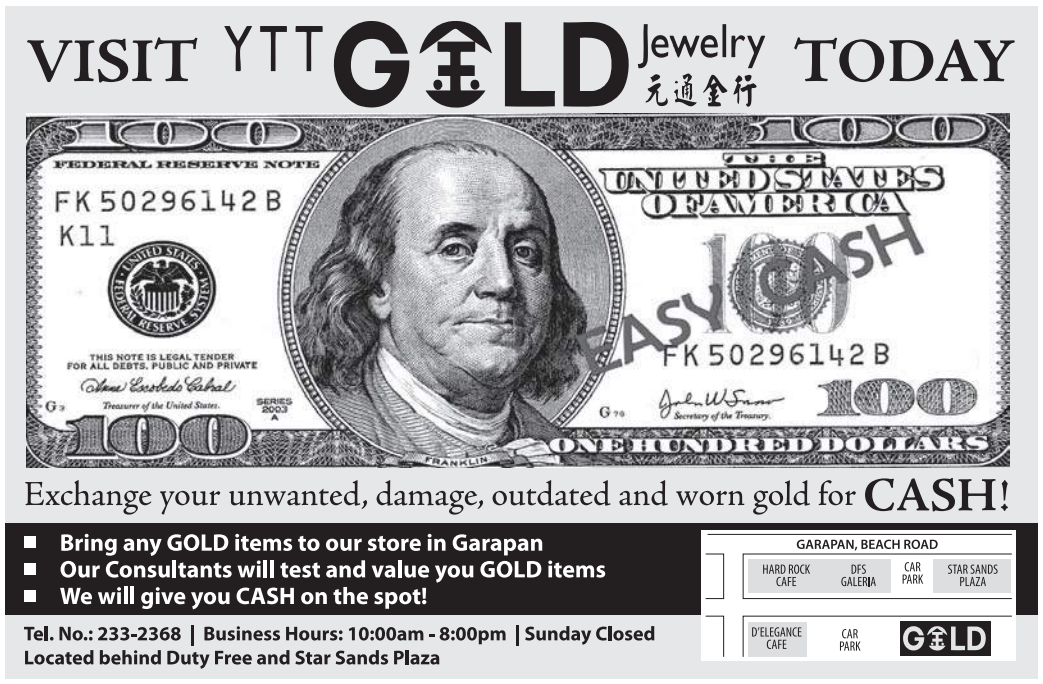
"Every student does cost the institution money…and that's going to be our interesting challenge. We're doing what we can and we will continue to do so accordingly…but in terms of cost, we're not even in the break-even [point]," she admitted to the board.

Hart admitted that management "underestimated" the enrolment for this semester, projecting only a 10-percent increase. Thus, the anticipated 20 percent increase will force NMC to make adjustments on staffing and scheduling of programs and courses. In previous semesters, NMC recorded increase in enrolment of only about 10 to 12 percent, according to the president.

The president said that in order to give the college more planning opportunity in the future, NMC must implement a "new student management system" which will allow the college to determine early the potential enrollees for next semester. This system, she said, is currently in the works.

Regent Frank Rabauliman believes that one of the major reasons for the big surge in enrollment this semester is the recent implementation of a new policy by the CNMI Scholarship Office which requires applicants to enroll first two years at NMC to become eligible for scholarship grants.

This Fall semester, NMC will begin implementation of a larger class size as among its cost-saving measures.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# Jackson bares plan to submit new MOE waiver

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U.S. Department of Education ranking official Christine Jackson disclosed a plan to turn in a new waiver for maintenance-of-effort requirement that seeks an exemption for the CNMI from using the national threshold set for the education budget.

Jackson, U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan's senior risk management consultant, arrived on island last Friday for a short visit. She is on Saipan primarily to validate and confirm the public schools performance in fulfilling the goals of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act's state fiscal stabilization fund, which awarded the CNMI Public School System $34.3 million for various infrastructure projects in 2009.

Along with the Board of Education members and key PSS leaders, led by commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Jackson also sought an audience with acting governor Eloy S. Inos Friday morning to articulate the federal MOE requirement.

"I articulated to the lieutenant governor [Inos] that MOE is an annual process and if there's a need to request for a waiver, it must be submitted every year. CNMI-PSS has already submitted a waiver for 2009 and was approved by USDOE. At the conclusion of our meeting [today], it seems the CNMI is going to prepare a new waiver submission for FY 2010," Jackson told *Saipan Tribune* in an exclusive interview Friday at the PSS central office.

Jackson said the MOE is set to ensure that resources for education is not diminished or shortchanged in all entities. However, she pointed out that the federal government could also approve a waiver based on the factors to be presented by requesting entity such as the CNMI. Among these factors is the economic slowdown that may affect an entity's capability to meet the MOE threshold.

She added that the "waiver" allows an entity to come up with "Plan B." She said approval of waiver will be based on supporting documents and audit that will show actual expenditures and revenues as requested by USDOE.

Based on USDOE determination, PSS must get a 25 percent share of the entire local government budget in FY 2009 based on the MOE threshold. This was never met by the local government, resulting in unremitted MOE of $11.3 million for PSS.

Jackson revealed that the new waiver to be submitted by the CNMI will cover FY 2010.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that all she can promise to the CNMI for now, is she will share with Washington, D.C. the information and concerns she personally received on island.

She admitted, however, that "pieces of communications" will be needed to take place before USDOE can draw a conclusion or approval.

Besides her meeting with Inos, Jackson also spoke before education leaders during their leadership institute at the Kagman High School last Friday. She also inspected PSS' pupil transportation department in Lower Base where a new state-of-the-art bus facility is located. At noon Friday, Jackson was seen at the PSS federal programs office where she also made some assessment and inspection.

Today, Jackson is scheduled to visit schools and meet with some lawmakers.

# Man who beat up girlfriend, ran from police custody gets 30-day jail term

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has imposed a 30-day jail term on a man who beat up his girlfriend out of jealousy and ran away from police's custody on Tinian.

In an order issued last week, Wiseman gave defendant Hardy M. Roberts credit for one day he already served in jail.

After completing the jail term, the 33-year-old Roberts will be placed on one year of supervised probation. He was ordered to pay a $100 fine, $100 probation fee, and $25 court assessment fee.

The defendant was required to undergo evaluation for anger management counseling and write a letter of apology to the victim and to all Tinian police and personnel.

Roberts pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and resisting arrest.

According to the plea deal, on Aug. 1, 2011 on Tinian, Roberts punched the victim in the face and grabbed her wrists. The following day, the defendant resisted when Police Officer Eugene Mendiola attempted to arrest him. He later escaped from police's custody.

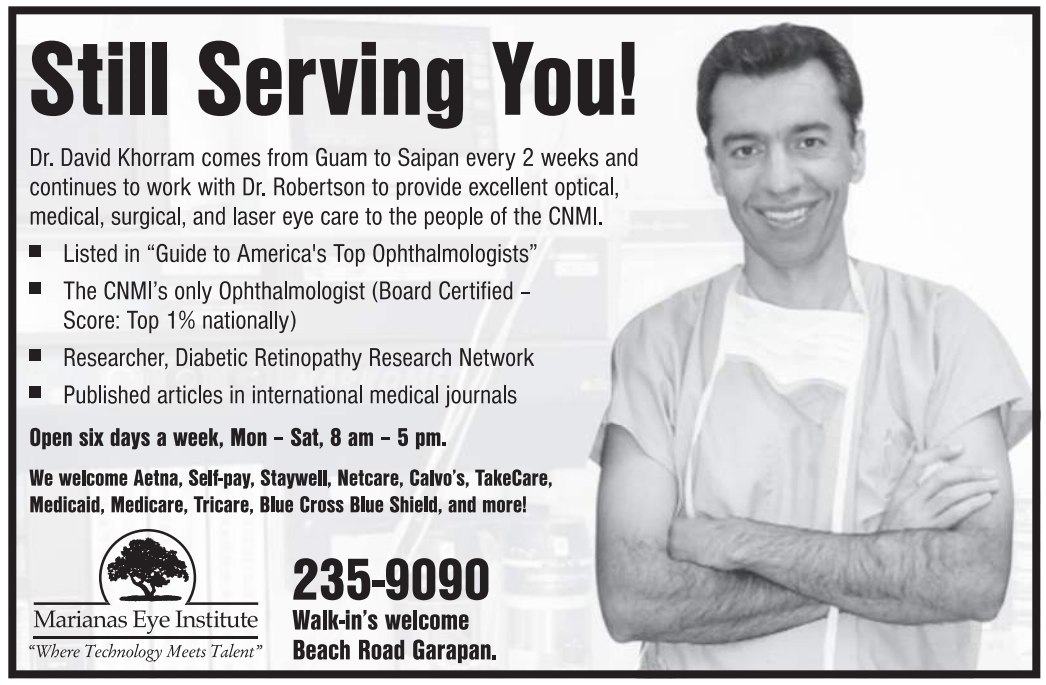
Detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that prior to the incident, Roberts and the victim were drinking with friends at a residence in Marpo Heights II in the evening of Aug. 1, 2011.

Later, the victim borrowed a cellphone from one of her friends and proceeded to the restroom. Roberts followed her and listened to the phone conversations.

Roberts got mad and confronted her why she was talking to that man again. As she tried to explain, the defendant started beating her up.

When police officers came, Roberts ran away.

Police said that, on Aug. 2 early morning, Roberts made several calls to the Tinian police station, saying bad words at all police officers and personnel. The defendant also allegedly threatened to bomb the police station. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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# Dept of Veterans Affairs director to visit CNMI

The director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System will be on island this week to host a veteran appreciation and outreach event.

Dr. James E. Hastings will welcome veterans, their families, and other community members during the event to be held on Aug. 23 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, MHII Bldg. at the Marina Heights Business Park.

Hastings last visited the island for the Saipan Veterans Town Hall Meet on Nov. 16, 2011. He was joined during his brief visit to Saipan by Andrew Dahlburg, Craig Oswald, and Michael C. Soucie, also of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System.

Ruth Coleman of the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic said the event will feature acting governor Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan as guest speakers.

"We are inviting all our veterans, their families, and the community to attend the appreciation and outreach event because this will be an opportunity for them to ask their questions directly to the director," Coleman told *Saipan Tribune.*

Refreshments will be served during the event. For more information, call 483-8910. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

## IMPEACHMENT

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The planned impeachment resolution also inspired a concerned citizen to hold a placard that reads, "Honk… impeachment," that drew support from passing motorists on a road leading to Capital Hill on Saturday.

That concerned citizen, who requested the media not to publish her name but agreed to be photographed, said she represents the "silent majority" already fed up with the corruption and other bad things happening in government.

"I am supporting those House minority members, including Congressman Joe Guerrero and (Ray) Tebuteb, in their call for impeachment," the woman said. "A lot of people are afraid to talk because they might lose their government job. But this needs to be done. People must stand up for people."

Motorists were honking their horns as they passed by the woman holding the placard, near Mobil station in Sadog Tasi.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) separately said the articles of impeachment have been reduced "to only a handful" to make it as solid as possible, focusing on "corruption or neglect of duty" and taking away those that only have "ethical" violations.

Article III Section 19 of the NMI Constitution states in part that "the governor and lieutenant governor are subject to impeachment … for treason, commission of a felony, corruption, or neglect of duty."

"The articles of impeachment are still in the works and we're hoping to profile or introduce the resolution this week. The constitution is very specific as to the grounds for impeachment, so some articles dealing only with ethical issues have been removed. What we will have is a resolution showing that the acts the governor had done are corrupt or neglect of his duty," Deleon Guerrero said.

Deleon Guerrero earlier said the way the 25-year, $190.8-million power purchase agreement was crafted and the manner in which it was executed "reeks of corruption."

Fitial and former attorney general Edward Buckingham signed that no-bid PPA on Aug. 3, to supply Saipan with diesel-operated

That questionable power purchase agreement will be included in the resolution.

Deleon Guerrero and Dela Cruz said while there might not be enough votes to pass the impeachment resolution as of today, that number could change once the evidence start to pile up and once people start pressuring the lawmakers in their precincts.

"If the impeachment process were to be done by the public instead of lawmakers, I'm pretty sure there would be enough votes," Deleon Guerrero added.

Deleon Guerrero described this growing movement to support impeachment as "monumental" in CNMI history.

Dela Cruz, for his part, said something has to be done to prevent the CNMI from having a government that does not follow its own laws and regulations.

"It's very shameful if we just sit back and watch the Commonwealth crumble, when laws and rules are circumvented," he said, referring to the sole-source contract that ties CNMI taxpayers for 25 years without them knowing about it prior to Fitial's signing of the agreement.

Even those outside the minority bloc are poised to support the resolution.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday he is poised to support the impeachment resolution, but said the absolute response would be after he has fully reviewed the articles of impeachment.

Demapan is chair of the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations, now reviewing the PPA, as requested by House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan). Cabrera said the PPA might be a form of public debt that needs the Legislature's approval.

But long before the 25-year PPA came out, talks about impeaching the governor had already been brewing.

The articles of impeachment as drafted months ago included the temporary release of a federal inmate to give Fitial a massage during wee hours, and Fitial's signing of a sole-source ARRA management contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada within days of his resignation from the Cabinet.

Recent developments have made the minority bloc redraft their resolution, and they are looking at Fitial's possible link to the use of armed police and ports police officers to help shield former attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served a penal summons in connection with criminal charges filed against him.

## OPA

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signed the contract.

This power purchase agreement is among the most expensive government contracts in CNMI history.

But unlike other hefty contracts, only a few knew about Fitial and Buckingham's signing of the 41-page PPA on Aug. 3.

That was a day before Buckingham left the CNMI and 11 days before Fitial left for a three-day trip to Hawaii, American Samoa, and Florida.

There is no telling yet whether Fitial would meet with any representative of Saipan Development LLC on this trip, but lawmakers said they won't be surprised if that's a part of the governor's plan.

The request for OPA investigation also came two weeks since OPA filed criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with his alleged hosting of a delegate candidate gathering at the governor's private residence in 2010 and the former AG's signing of an almost $400,000 sole-source ARRA management contract to Michael Ada within days of resigning as Commerce secretary.

Dela Cruz, in his one-page letter received by OPA on Friday afternoon, also asks OPA to review "all ethical and legal issues" pertaining to the deal that has cast doubt on Fitial and Buckingham's motives and justification in signing the 25-year deal.

The lawmaker said this review "should include but not limited to whether the contract was negotiated and executed legally and in good faith."

Dela Cruz said the review should also include "whether the Legislature should have been able to approve the PPA prior to its execution by Governor Fitial and former AG Buckingham by two-thirds of its membership as a public debt pursuant to Article X section 3 of the CNMI Constitution."

OPA has yet to respond to media inquiries about Dela Cruz's letter.

Dela Cruz is chair of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Public Utilities and Infrastructure Committee, and a member of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications.

### Plan of action

The House Committees on PUTC chaired by Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) and the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations chaired by Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) held a joint meeting on Friday to discuss their ongoing reviews of the PPA.

Demapan said yesterday that as part of their review, they will ask pertinent documents from entities involved including CUC, OAG and the Department of Public Lands.

"Once we get the documents we requested, we will determine our plan of action. The request letters could be out on Monday. Our goal is to find out the truth, and come up with a report on this," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Senate PUTC is also reviewing the PPA, starting with a meeting with CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher on Thursday afternoon.

"With too many unanswered questions during the meeting with CUC, the PUTC Committee recommended a resolution asking to hold off on the contract until a full study is done," said Senate PUTC chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota).

The Senate, in adopting Senate Resolution 17-94 on Friday, said the PPA has to be canceled until a comprehensive economic analysis is made to determine the fiscal impact of the deal on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and ratepayers.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said a similar resolution is planned in the House, and earlier said "the way this contract was crafted and the manner in which it was executed reeks of corruption."

## PSS

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that PSS is the only entity under her jurisdiction that was removed from "high risk" status.

She revealed that it was in 2003 when USDOE placed the CNMI public schools in high risk status in relation to managing its federal awards. But barely a year after, she said PSS successfully lifted the status under the then-leadership of the late Dr. Rita Hocog Inos as education commissioner.

"Since 2004, PSS successfully maintained and continuous its progress … [I can say] the only entity that was removed from high risk status since then," she told *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

Jackson's office checks and monitors the compliance of school districts to federal standards relating to expending grants and awards such as the regular consolidated grants, special education awards, and state fiscal stabilization fund, among others.

"The fact that even with limited resources for education, it always impressed us that CNMI-PSS maximizes the resources they have. There's always a high bar set for both student performance and teachers' quality. What impressed us the most is the requirement to pass Praxis tests. The CNMI took step further and was able to demonstrate the correlation between teachers' quality and student performance…and that has been very consistent!" Jackson said, adding that the CNMI's success is a pattern that should be adopted in many school districts.

Based on the report released by USDOE National Center for Education Statistics, the CNMI-PSS students' per child expenditure is the second lowest in both the territories and the mainland U.S.—with $5,753 per child. This is far lower than Puerto Rico's $6,949 per child cost; Guam with $8,291 per child cost. Virgin Islands has the highest per child allocation of $15,386 per child. American Samoa, meantime, got the lowest per child cost of education with $4,962. In the U.S. states, average education per child cost is $10,591.

Since July 2011, all classrooms on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have been filled with only highly qualified teachers: with degree, certifications, and passed Praxis 1 and 2 tests. All school principals and counselors positions have also been filled with highly qualified individuals based on the requirements set by the State Board of Education.

Last Friday, Jackson spent a few hours checking documents at PSS federal programs office. As soon as she came out from office, she admitted to *Saipan Tribune* that as always, there was no trace of any mismanagement of federal monies.

The visiting official also expressed satisfaction on what she had seen in some places she initially visited Friday. "Based on what I have seen today, I am confident that they have achieved the goal and improve the school climate and environment [through using ARRA funds]," she said, excited to see the other school facilities "up close" in today's scheduled tour of public schools.

## POWER DEAL

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seaplane ramp area in Lower Base that is the site of a submarine station, a restaurant and holding area for Tinian boats, as well as CUC's Power Plant 1, Saipan's main power plant.

Mahmood at the time claimed the dry dock project would bring in $100 million in revenue a year.

In April 2009, Allegiance Capitol Corp. told the media that it is interested in "paying for a new power plant" as part of the project.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial was quoted by the media as saying, "I told them I'd only move CUC if they paid for a new power plant. Guess what? They're looking into it."

Fitial and former attorney general Edward Buckingham signed off on a 25-year power purchase agreement on Aug. 3, 2012.

That PPA with Saipan Development LLC has a guaranteed price of $190.8 million in a 25-year period but the cost to the CNMI could easily exceed $200 million because CUC also has to pay for fuel and maintenance fee, among other things.

Saipan Development LLC and the CNMI executed a Power Plant Development and Management Agreement dated March 27, 2012.

That was barely five days after Saipan Development LLC was incorporated in Delaware on March 22, 2012. CNMI agencies do not have records of this company.

Its registered agent is Keystone Shipping based in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Keystone Shipping's chief executive officer is Donald Kurz.

Saipan Development LLC has an "exclusive right to develop a diesel-generated electric power plant" on Saipan, based on its agreement with the CNMI government.

This, even as the Fitial administration has been trying to steer away from diesel-generated power plant and move toward alternative or renewable energy.

Senators accused Fitial of using his state of emergency declaration for CUC to circumvent procurement laws and rules, and to give a 25-year contract to Saipan Development LLC.

# Immediate hearing on motions to stop EO on Fund ordered

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday issued an order setting a hearing for Aug. 31 the motions filed by two unnamed retirees who asked the court to prevent the enforcement of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's executive order declaring a state of emergency for the financially troubled NMI Retirement Fund.

Designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood said due to the time-sensitivity of the motions, oppositions to the motions shall be filed by noon on Aug. 20 and that replies shall be filed by noon on Aug. 22.

"Failure to timely file an opposition may be deemed by the court as consent to the granting of such motion," Tydingco-Gatewood in the order.

The judge said oral arguments on the motion to lift stay shall be heard on Aug. 31 at 10am.

Tydingco-Gatewood said in the event the court grants the motion to lift stay, the parties in the case shall be prepared to argue the motion to file second amended complaint and motion for Temporary Restraining Order and preliminary injunction.

In the footnote of her order, the judge said she understands the time-sensitivity of this matter, however, the court's earliest available date is on Aug. 31.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Bankruptcy Division designated judge Robert J. Faris issued an order formally dismissing the Fund's Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition.

With the dismissal of the case, the two unnamed retirees represented by attorney Bruce Jorgensen filed on Thursday in federal court a motion for TRO and preliminary injunction.

The unnamed retirees also filed emergency motions to lift stay and to file second amended complaint.

Jorgensen and co-counsels Robert M. Hatch, Margery S. Bronster, and Stephen C. Woodruff asserted that their motion for TRO and preliminary injunction seeks to prevent Fitial from "illegally seizing the Fund and assuming dictatorial control over it."

Last June 7, Fitial issued Executive Order 2012-06 that suspends the power of the Fund's board of trustees and administrator, and transfer this executive power to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson.

Fitial then stated that E.O. 2012-06 shall become effective immediately upon the court's filing of its order dismissing the Fund's bankruptcy case.

Acting press secretary Teresa Kim on Thursday explained that since there is an automatic stay for 14 days of the court's dismissal order, the executive order will not take effect until the 14 days lapses.

Kim also disclosed that the state of emergency declaration as well as the executive order for the reorganization is being reviewed once again and will likely be amended.

# Pawnshop in Lower Dandan burglarized

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A pawnshop in Lower Dandan was burglarized over the weekend and a flat screen television set was stolen.

The burglary at Villaroyal Pawnshop was discovered between 6am to 7am yesterday by the pawnshop's accountant, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

A staff said the burglar or burglars managed to enter the establishment by cutting the padlock on the main door.

Once the padlock was cut, the suspect or suspects shattered a portion of the glass main door.

Once inside, the burglar or burglars took a 21-inch flat screen TV set worth $300 that was among the items on display in the shelf.

The suspect or suspects failed to enter the counter or office as the door is well secured, an employee said.

Police officers responded and conducted an investigation. As of press time, no one was arrested yet.

The pawnshop has no surveillance camera. The building where the establishment is located, however, has a surveillance camera, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

It was the first time that the Villaroyal Pawnshop Lower Dandan branch was burglarized.

Burglary cases have been increasing on Saipan in the past few years.

The glass main door of Villaroyal Pawnshop in Lower Dandan was smashed after the burglar or burglars cut the door's padlock yesterday. A flat screen TV set was stolen. ROSS GARCIA

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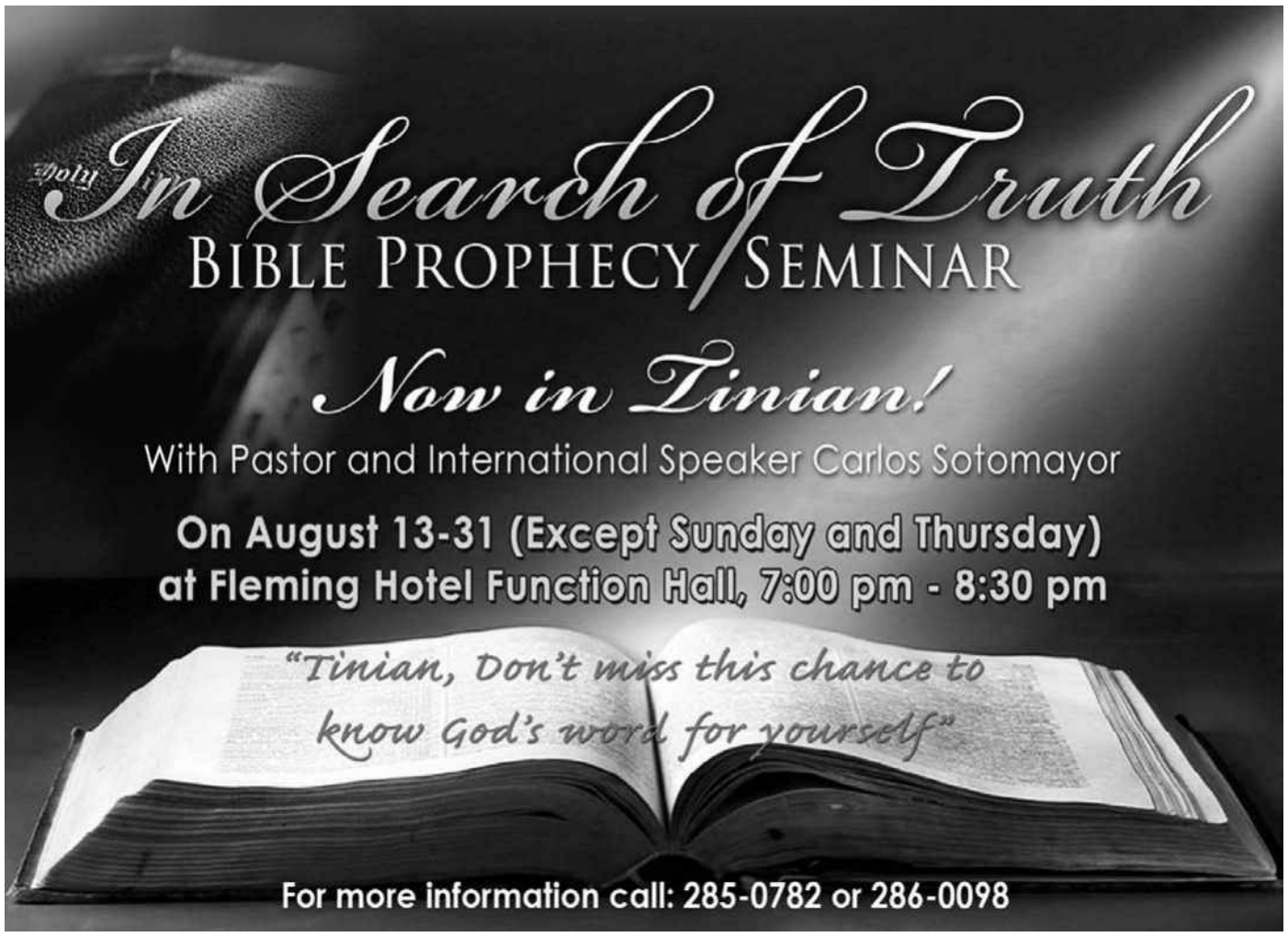
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ON FLIP-FLAPPING ISSUE ON MANAGAHA ACCESS

# OAG: DPL never altered its past practice regarding rule

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Lands never altered its past practice regarding its rule on Managaha Island access, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Assistant attorney general Michael Wilt, counsel for DPL, said the five marine sports operators that are suing DPL contend that DPL never enforced the 1993 Rules & Regulations before December 2011.

Wilt said the plaintiffs (operators) want the Superior Court to believe that DPL is being misleading and deceptive when DPL stated that it had in fact enforced this rule in the past.

"This is simply untrue," said Wilt in reply memorandum of law in support of DPL's motion for summary adjudication.

The five plaintiffs are Island Marine Sports Inc., Aquatic Marine Co. Inc. doing business as Amigo Aquatic Sports, Automarine Inc., Seahorse Inc., and BSEA Inc.

They are suing DPL to invalidate the department's rule promulgated on Dec. 13, 2011 and June 14, 2012 pertaining to Managaha access. Tasi Tours, which has exclusive contract with DPL over Managaha access, intervened in the case.

In DPL's memorandum filed in court on Thursday, Wilt pointed out that the 1993 Rules & Regulations clearly and unambiguously grant the Managaha Island Commercial Concessionaire the exclusive right to conduct tours from Managaha.

DPL had stated before that its practice is to make attempts to enforce the rights of its concessionaires once alerted to an encroachment.

Wilt said DPL stated that it had enforced Tasi Tours' exclusive right to conduct tours from Managaha in the past.

Wilt noted that Tasi Tours' David Igitol testified that he had complained to DPL of this encroachment in the past and that DPL was sometimes successful in enforcing Tasi Tours' rights.

Specifically, the lawyer said, Igitol made reference to an occurrence when a company had been picking up tourists from Managaha, taking them on a lunch cruise tour, and then dropping them back off onto Managaha.

Wilt said in that specific example the company was encroaching upon Tasi Tours' exclusive right to conduct tours from Managaha.

Wilt said DPL was alerted to the encroachment, put an end to the activity, protecting Tasi Tours' rights.

The DPL counsel said the court has no items in evidence (Igitol's affidavit and his in-court testimony) that supports DPL's position that its past practice is to make attempts to enforce the rights of their concessionaires once alerted to their encroachment, including the rule at issue in this case.

Wilt said in an ironic twist that the plaintiffs "misleadingly state that DPL never sought to enforce this rule against them until last year" to support their proposition that DPL had never enforced this right in the past against anyone.

Wilt said even if DPL never enforced the rule against the plaintiffs, it does not establish that DPL never enforced the rule before against anyone.

"As stated several times, the DPL can only attempt to enforce a concessionaire's rights once the DPL is alerted to an encroachment," he said.

Wilt said the fact is that Tasi Tours complained to DPL about plaintiffs and DPL started to take action against them, then plaintiffs filed this lawsuit.

Wilt said DPL's four letters issued were signed by two different department heads and during that time the department has changed legal counsel.

After realizing their mistake of not taking into account the Rules & Regulations which do affect the rights and obligations of third-parties, Wilt said each department head issued another letter clarifying their position.

"Accordingly, each time the DPL has considered the Rules & Regulations, with regards to Tasi Tours' exclusive right to conduct tours from Managaha Island, the DPL has consistently recognized its obligation to enforce that right from encroachment," Wilt asserted.

On Thursday, the plaintiffs filed in court their declarations to prove their financial hardship and their inability to post the $62,034 bond that the court required.

Attorney F. Matthew Smith, counsel for the operators, reiterated their position that Tasi Tours is not an enjoined party and therefore, no bond is required, and that even a bond was required, the court can and should require only a nominal bond.

"Nearly two months after filing for an injunction, the petitioners remain without the relief offered by the court," said Smith, who asked the court to either modify or eliminate the bond requirement.

In his July 19, 2012 order, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted the operators' request to maintain the status quo on Managaha access until their lawsuit against DPL is decided on its merits.

Camacho, however, ordered the operators to post the $62,034 bond. He said the preliminary injunction shall take effect once the full bond is remitted to the court.

The operators then posted $1,861.05 cash bond or 3 percent of the $62,034 that the court required them to pay in order for them to regain Managaha access while their lawsuit is pending in court.

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# Saipan lawmakers hold off action on bill giving $150,000 to indigenous programs

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation held off acting on a seven-month-old local bill appropriating $150,000 from the Managaha land user fee trust account mostly for the 2012 Indigenous Marianas Conference, to take into consideration other requests for funding.

Tebuteb

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), chair of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, referred back House Local Bill 17-71 to the Committees on Ways and Means and Natural Resources during Friday morning's session.

Tebuteb said the consensus is to make HLB 17-71 a rider to the "concerns" raised earlier, including funding needed for land compensation, the Independent Living Center and Little League, among other things.

"I was ready to act on the bill Friday, but the consensus was to refer it back to committees," Tebuteb said.

HLB 17-71, introduced by House vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), seeks to appropriate $120,000 of the total $150,000 from the Managaha land user fee trust account pursuant to Public Law 13-16, for the 2012 Indigenous Marianas Conference.

The remaining $30,000 will be used for the celebration of Chief Aghurubw recognition week in September, which is Cultural and Heritage Month. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (a) and (b), the Commonwealth Election Commission, hereby give notice that the Commonwealth Election Commission will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at the Commonwealth Election Commission's Conference room in susupe, Saipan. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Office of the Election Commission.

**AGENDA**

**I. Preliminary Matters**
- a. Roll call
- b. Adoption of agenda

**II. Executive Director's Report**

**III. New Business**
- a. Adoption of CEC-Resolution 12-01
- b. Approval of Ballot Layout
- c. Adoption of proposed amendments
- d. Election Procedures

**IV. Miscellaneous**

**V. Adjournment**

/s/ **FRANCES M. SABLAN**
Chairwoman

*(The Commission, pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, may vote to meet in executive session to consult legal counsel and discuss personnel matters.)*

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES

## RFP 12-01

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Please submit letter of interest to include monthly rate to the attention of **Barbara Reyes**, Office Manager, Marianas Public Land Trust P.O. Box 501089, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 P.M., Thursday, August 30, 2012.

*Interested firms are welcome to conduct a survey of the site.*

This public notice is also available on our website at www.mplt.gov.mp. Should you have any question or need additional information, please contact our office at 3224401/4402, Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **CITY TRUST BANK,** Plaintiff, | ] | **CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0514** |
| **-v-** | ] | **THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE** |
| **SUZETTE O. SASAMOTO and FELIX SASAMOTO, JR.,** Defendants. | ] | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1508, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, and containing an area of 780 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011/G 30, the original of which was recorded on May 11, 1994, as Document No. 94-1218, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 24, 2012, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **BLAS RAMON T. MAFNAS and MARIA CRISTINA L. MAFNAS,** Plaintiffs, | ] | **CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0041 E** |
| **vs.** | ] | **SUMMONS** |
| **JULIO L. EMANGMAI and DOES I-V,** Defendants. | ] | |

**TO DEFENDANT, JULIO E. EMANGMAI**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and notified to appear and defend the claims presented in this Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you and deliver or mail a copy of your Responsive Pleading to the Plaintiffs' counsel whose address is at Thompson Law Office, LLC, 2nd Floor JET Building, PMB 917, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your Responsive Pleading.

Your Responsive Pleading to the Complaint should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, CNMI. It may be prepared and signed by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by electronic filing or messenger or mail. It is not necessary to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to appear and defend in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2012.

/s/ Clerk of Court

# Arts council's eligibility to receive grants reinstated

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The National Endowment for the Arts has reinstated the eligibility of the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to apply for and receive grants after over two years of being ineligible to receive financial aid from the largest annual funder of the arts in the U.S.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao and council executive director Angel S. Hocog separately confirmed the good news which was relayed to them by Laura A. Scanlan, NEA director of state and regional partnerships, via email on Aug. 16.

"I am pleased to inform you that, as a result of the NEA Inspector General's review and determination, the CCAC is eligible to apply for a 2013 NEA Partnership Agreement," Scanlan wrote.

NEA suspended funding to CCAC based on the findings of the audit report issued on Aug. 17, 2010 by the Office of Inspector General. Included in the report findings that covered four grants received by the council from 2005 to 2009 are questionable costs and expenses as well as deficiencies in tracking expenditures and maintaining documentations.

Since then, DCCA and CCAC worked together to respond to NEA and implement corrective measures to address the national agency's recommendations.

"I want to thank the whole public for their patience during the times when we were in consultation with our federal grantor NEA after the CNMI was placed on suspension to apply for grants," Faisao said in a phone interview.

He thanked CCAC's Hocog, Finance federal accounts supervisor Agnes Cepeda, DCCA accountant and grant writer Roselle Teregeyo, special assistant Vicky Villagomez of the Office of Management and Budget, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos for their confidence in appointing him to undertake the task of working with the Office of Inspector General.

Hocog, for his part, said it took a lot of work before they could finally have the council's eligibility reinstated. "We're very pleased that we were able to meet NEA's requirements. We're very happy with the outcome," he added.

The reinstatement, however, came with a price as the council is now on the cost-reimbursement method of funding. Under cost-reimbursement, costs for the grantee are reimbursed when required matching costs have also been incurred.

To discuss further the new method and other aspects of the partnership agreement, Faisao and Teregeyo took part in a teleconference with Scanlan early Friday morning.

"We tried as much as we can to avoid going into that method, but it's better to comply to that and have the funding available for our CNMI community," Faisao told *Saipan Tribune*.

The department secretary also noted another new requirement for the council, which is to "open up the funding to projects that are private-public partnership type" wherein it allows for engagement in activities that support lifelong learning.

Faisao said they already assured Scanlan of their intent to apply for funding for fiscal year 2013, the deadline for which is on Oct. 1.

He and Hocog also thanked all artists in the Commonwealth for their support to DCCA and the CCAC, allowing them to accomplish successfully the NEA requirements.

"The trust and expectation is now delivered by the Fitial and Inos administration," added Faisao.

# Muña-Barnes continues relief efforts for PH flood victims

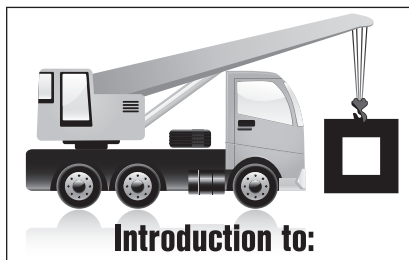
**HAGÅTÑA**—Guam Sen. Tina Muña-Barnes in coordination with the Grand Taj Restaurant and the Filipino Community of Guam continue their Philippine Flood Relief efforts by conducting a special promotion at the Grand Taj Restaurant from Aug. 20 to Aug. 27, 2012.

For a limited time, the Grand Taj Restaurant will donate portions of the proceeds of each lunch buffet and/or dinner entrée purchased at the restaurant to Philippine Flood Relief efforts being coordinated by the Office of Senator Tina Muña-Barnes and the Filipino Community of Guam. The restaurant will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items.

The Grand Taj Restaurant, led by chef and owner Kotwal Singh, is open for business on the 2nd Floor of the Grand Plaza Hotel in Tumon and they can be reached at 979-1009. With over 30 years experience in the restaurant business, chef Kotwal and the Grand Taj Restaurant offer guests a wide array of Indian vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

"The support we have received from our island including the Grand Taj Restaurant and the Filipino Community of Guam is very inspirational. We continue to ask our community to find it in their hearts to help us in our efforts to provide support to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines by visiting the Grand Taj or by making donations at the restaurant," said Muña-Barnes.

For more information, please call the Office of Senator Muña Barnes at (671) 472-3455/6. ***(PR)***



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## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
## Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is hereby announcing its intention to submit its Abbreviated State Plan for Fiscal Year 2013. In addition to the fourteen (14) assurances which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are mandated to comply with, and the Program Integrity Assessment in order to receive the grant, we are also required to report on the progress, accomplishments, and problems that we have encountered within the last couple of years of the program. The LIHEAP Program generally provides cooling/utility/power assistance to eligible low-income households.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mr. George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor and Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan or Mr. Frank Iglecias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP's Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House#1341.

Community meetings will be conducted on Rota, Tinian and Saipan as scheduled below. Any and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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I Dipåttamenton Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA), Progråman Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ginen este ha anununsia I intension-ña na para u rinueba iyon-niha Abbreviated State Plan para I Fiscal Year 2013. Komu ma'aomenta hålum i katotsi (14) gi Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Marianas put para u ma'otdin para i kinimpli ni, yan I Pgram Integrity Assessment anai siña para u marisibi I salåppi' , ya manmadimånda han lokkui' para u maripot todu I adilåntu, kinemplidu yan prublema siha ni ma'ekspirensia gi halum I manma'pus na såkkan I prugråma. I LIHEAP na progråma heneråtmente ha pribininiyi (cooling/kåndet) na klasen ayudo para ayu siha na familia I man takpapa suetdon-niha.

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/S/ Melvin L.O. Faisao
Secretary, DCCA

Date: 08/01/2012

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| TINIAN-TINIAN GYMNASIUM | AUGUST 08, 2012 | 6:00 PM |
| ROTA-ROTA ROUNDHOUSE | AUGUST 24, 2012 | 6:00 PM |
| SAIPAN-MULTI PURPOSE CENTER | AUGUST 27, 2012 | 6:00 PM |

# Tan Holdings plants 150 flame tree saplings in Koblerville

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Some 40 Tan Holdings executives smile for the camera before the start of their tree-planting activity Thursday morning. Some 150 flame tree saplings were planted in a public land in Koblerville during the event which is part of the Tan Holdings' initiative to plant a total of 400 trees in celebration of the company's 40th anniversary in the region.

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REPORTER

Tan Holdings has carried on its tree planting initiative for the year in celebration of its 40th anniversary in the region, with company managers, directors, and other executives planting 150 flame tree saplings on a public land in Koblerville last Thursday.

This brings to 250 the total number of flame tree saplings that were planted since the project was jumpstarted in March, inching closer to the 400 goal set by the islands' largest employer which has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the environment.

About 40 company officials led by Tan Holdings corporate consultant David M. Sablan and vice president for Finance Lina Dimaano gathered at the expansive Commonwealth Ports Authority-owned land next to Coral Ocean Point, where the saplings were planted amid gray skies.

"I am pleased to say that ultimately, by the end of this year, we will have a total of 400 trees that would have been planted… It's something that we can look behind and say, we did something for the community," Sablan addressed the crowd.

Sporting a "Going Green" shirt, each Tan Holdings executive planted two or three saplings provided by the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, the non-profit organization partnering with Tan Holdings in its environmental initiatives.

Six "rangers" or volunteers from MINA's Tasi Watch program provided help by digging the holes where the saplings were planted. Fertilizers as well as used painted tires surrounded the saplings for care and protection.

Before the planting activity commenced, state forester Vic Guerrero Jr. gave a brief history of how flame tree became CNMI's state tree as well as informed his audience about its good and bad attributes

According to Guerrero, it was the first Legislature back in 1979 when the non-CNMI native flame tree was accepted as an established species in the islands. Since it belongs to the legume family, a flame tree's leaves, flowers, and seed box are edible.

He described flame trees as adaptable, shallow-rooted, and produces "very nice" flowers.

"A lot of people say, 'I'm not an agriculturist but when I see flame trees blooming, it touches my heart," Guerrero said. "I guess it does with everybody else."

But Guerrero noted that flame trees have "very poor" ability to compartmentalize decay. "It has very poor healing process so that most of the time when it gets injured, it's injured for life."

MINA executive director Sam Sablan said in an interview that they are optimistic that the newly planted saplings will have between 90 and 95 percent survival rate, given that they were planted in a low populated area unlike Kilili Beach, the venue for the first batch of flame trees that Tan Holdings planted.

Sablan said they are looking at replacing some of the flame trees which were planted in Kilili Beach but did not survive and will continue the partnership with Tan Holdings to maintain the flame trees. Guerrero, for his part, said that they plan to do by next year a "thinning process" which involves removing excess trees which grow without proper in-between spacing.

Sablan disclosed that for the last 150 flame tree saplings that would be planted to meet the 400-tree goal, Tan Holdings eyes Hopwood Jr. High School as venue and looks forward to involving the school students.

During the event, Tan Holdings' Dimaano also presented a $750 donation to MINA, which corresponds to a $5 donation for every tree provided by the environmental group to the company. With 400 trees to be planted, MINA will receive a total of $2,000 donation from Tan Holdings.

Sablan expressed her appreciation to Tan Holdings, particularly to president Jerry Tan and Dimaano saying that the welcome donation will be used to support their operations, particularly volunteer needs.

"Although we do have federal funds, they're very restricted. It doesn't allow us to really support the volunteer program. This would essentially be used for those things. MINA is very grateful for the support that Jerry Tan, Lina Dimaano, and the entire Tan Holdings executives to really support our cause," she said.

# UFO concludes fundraising drive for PH flood victims

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The United Filipino Organization yesterday concluded its fundraising drive for flooding victims in the Philippines, but president Bong Malasarte still encourages the Filipino community to support the donation campaign of LBC Foundation.

Malasarte said in an interview that they will now account for all cash donations received in donation boxes that were made available in various stores on island. These donation boxes were gathered by UFO officers Friday.

Malasarte

"We sincerely thank all those who were willing to help the flooding victims in the Philippines. Any amount donated is very much appreciated because if we pool our resources together, it would mean a lot for families and individuals affected by the recent heavy downpour," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Philippine Consulate General said in a press release that a total of 267,850 families or 1,230,813 individuals were affected while 11 persons died due to the Southwest Monsoon or Habagat enhanced by Tropical Storm Haikui, bringing in heavy to intense and frequent rains over Luzon since Aug. 6.

All cash donations, Malasarte noted, will be donated to the Philippine Red Cross.

The president of the umbrella organization of some 30 Filipino groups also called on the community to give in-kind donations and bring them to LBC office.

LBC staff said they continue to receive donations of food, biscuits, blankets, mats, medicines, and toiletries. In-kind donations will also be sent to the Philippine Red Cross.

For more information, call 234-9013.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Aug. 20, 1999

**Teno cautions against lowering NMC tuition**

A proposal to reduce tuition costs at the Northern Marianas College should be carefully studied as it might "jeopardize" operations of the island's sole higher learning institution, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said yesterday. He said NMC has to provide information on potential financial impact of such a plan to see what his administration can do to assist students who might be forced to drop out in view of cutback in government educational assistance. "I don't want to comment at this time until I get all the information and find out the reason behind it because by lowering the tuition, it will also jeopardize the education of the individual," Tenorio said in an interview.

**House committee wraps up budget hearing**

Now that it has heard requests for higher spending level from several departments and agencies, the powerful House Ways and Means Committee is expected to draw up a final budget proposal which will oil government operations for FY 2000. While committee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes does not rule out the possibility that some government offices would get a bigger slice of the estimated $206 million revenues of the Commonwealth, that still hinges whether the local coffers improve within the next months. He said the appeals for more funding by critical agencies are "legitimate," but it still rests with the Legislature whether it would decrease allotment to other offices to address their immediate needs.

### Aug. 20, 2001

**House okays changes to investment incentive law**

A bill that intends to amend the Investment Incentive Act to benefit previous investors in the CNMI now goes to the Senate for adoption after it passed the House of Representatives during Friday's special session. Despite concerns raised by the Commonwealth Development Authority, House Bill 12-380, House Draft 1, Committee Substitute 1 made it through the lower chamber on a majority vote. It was not easy, though, as proponents of the bill had to call on acting Finance Secretary Robert Schrack and Rufino Inos, consultant for Revenue and Taxation, to help explain the bill's ramifications and its possible effect on the revenue generating capabilities of the Commonwealth.

**CPA courting another Taiwanese airline firm**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is aggressively lobbying for the inclusion of Saipan in the list of American destinations that will be served by the Taiwan-based Far Eastern Air Transport Corporation under its recent application to the United States Department of Transportation. Board Chair Roman S. Palacios said CPA would back the carrier's application to the US-DOT which would enable the airline company to engage in scheduled and charter air transport services between the Asian island-nation and several destinations in the US. According to Palacios, the carrier is seeking the reinstatement of its exemption authority under the Open Skies Agreement sealed between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.

### Aug. 20, 2002

**PSS may buy 40 new buses**

The House of Representatives gave the thumbs up to a bill that authorizes the Public School System to borrow up to $4.2 million so it could buy 40 new school buses. During yesterday's session, the lower chamber voted 16-0 to pass House Bill 13-176, which provides the legislative mechanism for the PSS to borrow money from a financing institution so it could modernize its busing system-one that meets the U.S. Federal Highway Safety Standards. The buses would be for all students in the public and private elementary and secondary schools throughout the Commonwealth, including those students with special requirements.

**College gets $1.75M in US grant**

The U.S. Department of Education recently notified the Northern Marianas College that its grant application for the Strengthening Institutions Project Proposal was awarded $1,750,000. The NMC stands to become a stronger post-secondary institution over the next five years with the receipt of this U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions grant. The Title III grant, a competitive and discretionary award that the NMC applied for during the Spring 2002 semester, will provide $365,000 in annual funding for the next four years and about $287,215 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

# WreckCheck mobile app takes guesswork out of auto accidents

The CNMI Department of Commerce, a member state of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and on behalf of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, wish to share with the public an available tool or mobile application to protect themselves, their property, and their identities during one of life's most high pressure events.

This free mobile app can aid during an auto accident. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 5 million wrecks occur every year. However, according to a July 2012 survey from NAIC, many Americans do not know what steps to take or basic information to share—or not share—after an accident. They may even put their identities and safety at risk by sharing too much personal information. The new WreckCheck mobile application from the NAIC can help eliminate that risk.

Igisomar

"Both iPhone and Android smartphone users should find this tool extremely useful in case, the Lord forbid, an accident should happen," added Commerce Secretary and Insurance commissioner Sixto K. Igisomar.

The recent NAIC survey revealed consumers were unsure about auto accident best practices, such as when to call the police or what personal information to exchange with the other driver after an accident. Consumers generally need only share their names and correct vehicle insurance information, which should include the phone numbers of insurance providers. Sharing additional personal information, such as driver's license numbers and home addresses, puts consumers, their property and their safety at risk. The most common misperceptions and associated risks were:

■ Nearly 40 percent of respondents felt they should share their driver's licenses; one in six would allow the other driver to photograph their licenses as a convenient way to exchange information. The risk, however, is that many retailers accept driver's license information as a common way to verify identity over the phone.

■ Twenty-five percent of consumers would share their home addresses. Unfortunately, sharing this information gives identity thieves the physical location of one's mail or garbage, which often is where they look for personal or financial information about their victims. It also means they know where their victim lives, putting his or her personal safety in jeopardy.

■ Almost 30 percent of drivers think they are required to share their personal phone numbers. In fact, sharing personal phone numbers is not necessary.

■ Close to 20 percent of people believe the only reason to call the police after an accident is if someone is injured. However, filing a police report can help facilitate the insurance claims process.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States. The Federal Trade Commission estimates nearly 9 million consumers have their identities stolen each year, disrupting finances and damaging credit histories and reputations.

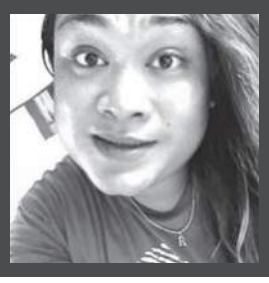
"The last thing you're probably thinking about following a car accident is protecting your privacy," says NAIC president and Florida Insurance Commissioner Kevin M. McCarty. "Understanding what information to share, and with whom, will help keep you safe after an accident and decrease some of the challenges of filing a claim later on. That is also why the NAIC created WreckCheck. The app will take the guesswork out of what information to get following a car accident."

## Eliminate the guesswork

The new WreckCheck mobile application from the NAIC outlines what to do immediately following an auto accident and takes users through a step-by-step process to create their own accident report. It also provides tips for staying calm, safe and smart on the road, and makes it easy to capture photos and document the necessary information to file an insurance claim. Additionally, the app lets users email a completed accident report directly to themselves and their insurance agents. The app is free and available for both iPhone® and Android® smartphone users.

Drivers can visit InsureUOnline.org for additional information about what to do following an auto accident. Also available on the site is a downloadable accident checklist, a video demo, an audio news release, and other materials to help consumers protect themselves after an accident. ***(PR)***

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday to Randall Masga Pangelinan. May you have many more to come, enjoy your special day, and cheers! We love you! Greetings from your friends and family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Tess Masga. Enjoy your day and may God bless you. Greetings from family and friends.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that the

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

**Coastal Resources Management Office**
will be relocating to Susupe, behind Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Bureau, effective Monday, August 20, 2012.

July 23, 2012

TO: LYDIA R. SASO and RYO SASO

You are in default in your Promissory Note dated August 24, 2006, secured by a Real Estate Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot No. H-221-3-6 (formerly Lot H-221-3, part of original H-221), situated in San Vicente Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,511 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2137/86, the original of which was registered on July 10, 1986, as Document No. 86-1389, at the Land Registry, Saipan

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| (b) | Date and amount of Promissory Note and Mortgage: | August 24, 2006; $17,523.00 |
| (c) | Amount due for principal: | $571.24 as of June 1, 2012 |
| (d) | Amount due for interest: | $4,009.92 as of June 1, 2012 |
| (e) | Daily accruing interest: | $4.14 |

If the principal, interest, and late charges $4,581.16 as of June 1, 2012, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30) day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Ti un Komple i kontratan debimu (Promissory Note) ni un fitma gi Agusto dia 24, 2006, ni afabobot i Real Estate Mortgage ma asegurao i tano yan guma ni un empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) i deskripsion tano ni ma empeñen (mortgaged)"

Sitio Numeru H-221-3-6 (estaba Sito Numeru H-221-3, patte gi sitio numeru H-221), ni gaigi San Vicente Village, Saipan, Islas Marianas, San Kattan, ni ha konsiste un aria 1,511 quadrao metro, mas pat menus, mas partikulat ma diskribi gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2137/86, i orihinat ni ma rehistra gi Julio 10, 1986 komo Document No. 86-1389 gi Land Registry, Saipan.

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| (b) | i kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empepeña: | Agusto dia 24, 2006; $17,523.00 |
| (c) | Kantida un debi para principat: | $571.24 asta ki June 1, 2012 |
| (d) | Kantida un debi para interes: | $4,009.92 asta ki June 1, 2012 |
| (e) | Interes kada dia: | $4.14 |

Yangin ti un apasi i kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges) $4,581.16, asta ki Junio dia 1, 2012, yan i reasonable na apas abugado gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di i fecha ni un resibe esta na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple i kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma dendi i propriadat tano'mu ni un empepeña guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na kata yan un kontra minagahet-na pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infotfotma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai ni henta information pot i dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai'i hao I na'an yan address I akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na katta para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi I dibi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera – siña bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2012 Fourth General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Fleming Corporation, Tinian from 9:00am-2:00pm. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

**AGENDA**

**I. Welcome New Members - Roll Call**
**II. Adoption of Agenda**
**III. Review and adoption of June 14, 2012 Minutes**
**IV. Reports**
- OVR Director
- SILC Chairman
- CIL Director

**V. Old Business**
- Review membership composition

**VI. New Business**
- Update for New SILC Members
- Review & Plan for the 2014 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)
- 2013 SILC Congress Updates
- FY 2013 NDEAM
- FY 2013 SILC Resource Plan
- Election of New Officers

**VII. Consumer Forum**
**VIII. Announcements/Miscellaneous**
**IX. Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call 322-6537(voice) or 322-6449(TTY). Please contact Elvira Seman (Council Liaison) two days in advance for necessary arrangements.

/s/ Stephen Dutro
SILC Chairperson

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## EDITORIAL

# Putting Egypt's military in proper place

Egypt's new president, Mohammed Morsi, took a bold step last week by replacing the country's top military leadership and openly rejecting its claims to executive authority. This confrontation had to happen, and it was time for the military to submit to civilian control.

By forcing the issue now—even as Morsi still seemed politically unsteady and vulnerable to top generals' domination—the president has taken an important step in solidifying the transition to democratic governance.

At the same time, Morsi must reiterate publicly that he is president of all Egyptians, not just those who adhere to the Islamist beliefs of his Muslim Brotherhood. Just because the Muslim Brotherhood's candidates won this year's presidential and parliamentary elections doesn't mean their power is absolute, nor does it negate the sacrifices of other Egyptians in ousting the previous dictatorship.

Morsi still must convince the world that Egyptians haven't merely traded one form of tyranny for another.

He seized his opening last week when the military leadership, obviously preoccupied with events in Cairo, failed at its main duty of securing Egypt from military attack. Islamist gunmen in the Sinai Peninsula, apparently allied with Hamas militants in Gaza, killed 16 Egyptian soldiers, exposing major vulnerabilities. Morsi grabbed the opportunity to oust the top generals who had challenged his authority.

Big difficulties remain. Egypt has yet to adopt a new constitution and establish distinct lines of authority between the judiciary, legislature and presidency. Amid a vacuum of checks and balances during the transition, top military leaders played a useful watchdog role over Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Still, Morsi had no choice but to put the military in its proper, subordinate position. History is rife with examples of what happens when military-dominated dictatorships cede only partial authority to the civilian leadership while continuing to exercise control behind the scenes.

The decades of strife, coups and thousands of extrajudicial killings in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Chile and Argentina all had roots in their respective military leaderships' refusal to cede control to civilian leaders. Britain, France and Italy failed to install strong democratic traditions after they granted independence to the Arab nations they controlled after World War I. That's what laid the foundation for decades of military-backed Arab dictatorships and the regional turmoil that has accompanied them.

Breaking the military's domination is exactly what the Arab Spring revolts are all about, which is why Morsi's actions are so momentous in setting the standard for democratic rule across the Arab world.

Morsi will no doubt be tempted with the new power he wields. The measure of this man will be in his exercise of restraint, his inclusion of all Egyptian sectors in designing a new constitution, and his ability to put democratic principles above his personal religious views as he blazes this new path.

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# An open letter to all aspiring legislators

**By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.*

It is that time of the year. They have begun to sprout up along the highways. Daily we see more and more of them. Each has a smiling face and a name plastered on it with a "Please Vote for Me!" By mid-October there will be little space unoccupied on the highways with hundreds of these posters each with a grinning face and a "Please Vote for Me!" Yes, you guessed it—it's election time.

Now all we have to do is see which one is our closest relative and vote for him. Don't bother with what he promises he will do if elected. Who remembers anyway? But I am going to ask each of the aspiring candidates to take a self-evaluation quiz.

Attention: all Legislator candidates, please sit down for a few minutes and take the following quiz. If you prefer keep the results to yourself, but please try to improve any low rating. Remember you can lie to us but you cannot lie to yourself. Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5. Take 1 as the highest and 5 the lowest score.

1. I am self-disciplined and allow no excuses for myself._____
2. I am highly motivated and enthusiastic about my challenges._____
3. I am well-educated on the legislative process._____
4. I thoroughly understand the problems facing our community._____
5. I will study carefully both sides of all issues before I vote on them._____
6. I will not introduce bills without careful thought that they are needed. _____
7. I will strive in all my endeavors to be a leader._____
8. I am aggressive when I believe in a cause._____
9. I frequently read magazines and books on domestic and international affairs._____
10. I will attend all sessions and prepare before hand for them._____
11. I have studied and understand the history of the CNMI._____
12. I live what I believe in._____
13. I am ethical in all my dealings._____
14. I feel my work as a legislator is a duty and a privilege._____
15. I do not buy or repay votes for favors._____
16. I will listen to the plight of the people and try to fulfill their needs._____
17. I will try hard to encourage and motivate others to do better._____
18. I understand the relations between the U.S. and the CNMI._____
19. I will communicate frequently with my constituents._____
20. I have a strong willingness to help the CNMI._____
21. I will never put personal interests above my responsibilities._____
22. I will seek out different viewpoints to better under a bill before I endorse it._____
23. I am willing to bend the rules when compassion is necessary._____
24. I will study the possible consequences of a bill before I endorse it._____
25. I understand the Constitution and the Covenant thoroughly._____

After taking this self-analysis, study your strong and weak points. If you are not truthful here, when will you be? One of the most important qualities you must possess is "trustworthiness." It is ironical that many of our representatives are not trusted or believed by the general public.

I recently read a survey taken about a variety of occupations. The highest trustworthy occupation was a medical doctor with a rank of 1.43, followed by clergymen with 1.44. the survey revealed that the lowest trusted occupation was that of salesmen with a rank of 3.29. But guess what the second lowest trustworthy occupation was? Politicians with a rank of 3.18. Why is that?

Who of you will step forward and lead? How many of you grasp the seriousness of the situation we find ourselves in? How many of you are willing to sacrifice yourself to correct the wrongs being done daily? Will you show us by deeds or words? Will you work hard and with determination to bring back our prosperity and dignity?

Anything you do in the Legislature has to be done as a unified group.

One stand-out legislator can do little on his own. The most effective action is through a consensus of agreement. Will you be able to persuade your peers to see things through your eyes, through discussions and compromises? Will you always remember that politics is not a job but a duty?

Let me quote from a columnist named Charlie Reese which seems to fit here. Hopefully his thoughts will cause you to think about your situation:

1. Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.
2. Have you ever wondered if both Democrats and Republicans are against deficits, why do we have deficits?
3. When we fully grasp the plain truth that the Administration and Congress control the power of government then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.
4. If the tax code if unfair, it's because they want it unfair.
5. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.
6. You and I don't propose the budget, the governor does.
7. You and I don't set fiscal policy, our Legislators do.
8. All our elected officials of the House, the Senate and the Administration are directly, legally, morally, and individually respon-

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# Hemingwei

**By JAIME R. VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Former PSS teacher Jaime Vergara now teaches at Hang Gong Hang Tian Da Zue, Shenyang Aerospace University and is currently traveling in north Inner Mongolia in the prefecture of Hulunbeier.*

The SAU International Education Center administrator spelled my Spanish name, "Hemi" since Jaime from the Basque country after St. James (Santiago/San Diego in Castilian) did not spell right. My students turned it into "Hemingwei" when they found out I write, too. Evidently, Ernest Hemingway and his Old man and the Sea are familiar to English classes, so I immediately got dubbed as Mr. Hemingwei.

Not really that familiar with the famed American novelist, so we reacquainted our self with his life and his work, and other than his prolific hopping from one bed to another (ours is conservative compared to his), there is hardly any comparison, let alone, similarity.

His prose is terse, economical, and understated, short to being anemic; ours is very flowery, luxuriant, and robust. Our prose was once characterized as etching the trajectory of the moon while watching in masturbatory delight the slow movement of moonbeams. (We reread this sentence and concurred with the characterization, but we apologize to feminist colleagues for the sexist imagery.)

We self-indulge with this piece as we identify with the main character Santiago in *The Old Man and the Sea*, rather than the author. Written as his last work of fiction before committing seppuku without a sword, we are in no danger to do the same since we have exceeded by almost two decades the mid-century age of despair. Besides, his Greco-Roman noble act (Socrates dutifully drank his hemlock) of euthanasia, or the Buddhist's self-immolation (a scourge to Uncle Sam in Vietnam), is beyond us.

The "old man and the sea" is an islet in Saipan, a prominent rock outcropping at the edge of the northeastern part of the island. We've visited the place a couple of times when we had visiting guests, and yes, one can see a profile of a man, but in the same way that many find apparition of the Blessed Mary in "bleeding" stones and pealing bark trees. Hey, everyone is entitled to the formulation of images, even if it is heavily shaped by belief.

We still have figures on island who fit the "old man and the sea" image. Refaluwasch Lino Olopai managed to get his *The Rope of Tradition* out that he kept under wrapped for a while, and we know that the lone fisher beyond the reef was never an island option.

Wecan, of course, second guess Hemingway for the reality he might have meant had he intended the "old man" and the "sea", as well as the "marlin" and the "sharks", as metaphors. This is, of course, more a preoccupation of literary critics, and speculative philosophers than a concern of the soft cover reader. The narrative, with its powerful depiction of the battle of physical stamina and will, between the fisherman and the fish, is enough for us ordinary literary gawkers.

"Sharks" among lawyers and politicians are easier to identify, but that is more our bias than on practicing officers of the law, and their legislative and executive counterparts.

My mother once slipped on a wet floor at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, and though she was embarrassed since she was wearing her fineries to a cultural gathering, she was not hurt. A lawyer thought otherwise. He immediately got Mom to consent to a medical exam where the finding cleared the physique. He, thereafter, went for emotional distress.

The lawyer was a known ambulance chaser so the hotel settled rather than go through expensive litigation. My Mom got $3K for her signature and willingness to be examined by an MD; the counsel walked off with $12K, all on a day's work.

In Hemingway's tale, the old man defended his catch from parasitical sharks, harpooning one of them and attaching his knife to the end of his oar to drive away the others. But the three-day battle between the fisherman and the fish kept the combatants off the beach, and it took the catcher five days to bring his catch to landing. Save for the head and tail, the marlin was barely a carcass of its old self by the time it hit shore.

Not the kind of story fishing aficionado Diego T. Benavente would spin. While we may not have found find him exerting the same kind of determination that Santiago exhibited in driving out the sharks in his legislative sphere of influence, he is, nevertheless, into fishing, from the dinner table variety where he seemed to be seeking some commercial niche, as well as the recreational and tournament kind where he is better known. We trust his fish ventures will add value to the declining island economy.

We are a small fry in the vast ocean of literary currents. The late John Pangelinan, former publisher of the *Saipan Tribune*, encouraged our literary efforts in the Opinion page. It is in his memory that we continue to write. The opportunity has afforded us the chance to align our syntax to acceptable common usage, though colleagues remind us that we have a distance to go!

This piece ends our daily summer contribution as well, but we will continue weekly thoughts in this page, and will keep the Hemingwei name for the classroom. The name is easy to remember; it sounds Chinese (I was advised to spell it Hai Ming Wei, to denote the "power of the bright open seas," and He Ming Wei suggest the strength of the river, but we prefer the Heming, the small shrimp that Pinoys salt to fish-flavor their viands).

We decided to forego "Hemi", and went French: J'aime la vie, I love life!

Got a name story?

# Mas homhum futtunata

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the* Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Humanau i gobietnu humunta giya Hawaii, Samoa yan Florida pot tres semana na tiempu'. Mientras gumugupu, fuetsau mahuchum un' patte gi hospitat pot ti mana' fan pagamemientu i mediku yan infetmera siha.

Lau ma'pus i maga'lahe humunta pot kuraling. De dios na sensia 'nai pinalo'pu' i tanu taya' fondu na kontodu hospitat machum. Estague' mañan maga'lahe kulan mohon todu mauleg gi halom chubaskun mattiempu ni guiya rumesponsasable lamayot patte.

### Hinanau sirenu 'an oga'an

Adumididi' sige maliñgu i sirenu gi halom dispasiu na kinahulu' atdau. I pañgpañg muñeru na teti' uchan señat chata'an. Ni katnariu ni pumañgonyu' 'an oga'an ti mattu na biahe.

Sige hu ke pula' haf' sustansiaña i metgot na patte gi hinasoghu pot hinanau sirenu. Huhuñog dispues un' sumen triste na ekun tautau-ta ni dumiñgu i tanu' pot hokog appottunidat cho'chu' para siha. Kulan sirenu, manhanau gi figan somnag.

Mafalague iya Guam, Hawaii yan estados siha gi hilu' satton na inaligau para lina'la' familian niha. Lau estague' mapopo'lu kumu para'isun niha ni mafa' sasalaguan ni man-makalamya na sabiun I Deni. 'Nai hokog esperansa, ha chule' i tetehnan na guinahan niha ya man-hanau gi hilu' triste na sentimentu.

Seguru-yu' na masoda' dispues ginefsagan niha gi komunida ni ma-ayeg para siha. U fan dañkulu famaguon niha yan maya' na kinemprende pot i tanu' ni madiñgu. Siempre u fan man-bisita solu pot man-ginen este mañainan niha. Kulan finatton sirenu gi sigiente oga'an.

U fan mababa hinasson niha ya siempre matutuhon makuestiona haf" na mampos dañkulu i guafen paraisu 'nai debi u katma yan trañkilu diariu. Siempre u fan man-guife areglu siha pot para umachule' tatte hagas paraisun mañainan niha.

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### Sensian chat-kabayeru

Guaha 'nai mattu mina'ñau-mu lau ti siña un' pega kalulotmu haf' sessu i asuntu? Lau gaige metgot gi hinassomu todu dia?

Dispues gi halom katma na banda gi hinasoghu 'nai klaru haf' umestototbayu'. Era i litratu siha gi kantun chalan 'nai mañachaleg sinparat gi halom uchan, somnag, pagyu yan dilubiu manadan matan tautau. Tat ti fumatta fasuña. Lau gi tatten ayu na fasu siha un' lilie' ha' sensian atrebisau yan atotgante na kandidatu.

Pot ihemplu: Haf' unu bidamu ni mauleg para u adelanta i miserable na linala' publiku pagu? Yangin nuebu hau na hinalom gi ridondu, haf' planumu espesiat ni siña humatsa linala' i linahyan gi primet sakan deste ke mata'choñg hau?

Haf' na eskalera estudiumu yan eksperiensiamu ni umaya 'sino umafagcha' yan i offisiun areglamienton publiku? Guaha mas fuera ke "biba?"

### Hagas gayera

Aksidiente, hu bisita i hagas lugat gayera antes giya Chalan Kanoa. Bonitu na fasilidat hotel gaige na tumatachu pagu.

Antes, homhum ya solu entalu' hagon pagu yan dotse 'nai man-a'alie' i man-hoben ni man-e'epañglau. Paire na luyat para pañglau tunas yan echuñg.

Lau maliñgu i hagas in' fapoposgue para alimientun familia. Modetnu na hotel tumulaika i hagas sagan pañglau.

I kantun tasi man-gaige bisita siha na ha tatala' lasas niha gi papa' somnag. Taya' esta kampu para chenchulu piot sa' maprohibe ni Fish and Wildlife. Matai otru hagas kodun natibu man-rikohe alimientun familia.

Buente estague' na insuttu apasña i dinaña' yan Estados Unidos de America i ha lachai gumodden te'chuñg hagas tradision rinikohen neñgkanu para natibu. Siña ha' buente ma-aregla lau man-gaddun todu koyenturan niha gi mit na pahinan regulasion.

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### Fuetsan Animosu

Deste pinatgonhu hu hassu i dos amku' kumu lancheru. Diariamente finenina man-hanau para i misan mona dispues 'nai ha tulus siha para i gualu. Menhalom, animosu gi halom uchan, pagyu yan hai'las. Ni unabes 'nai hulie' masotta offisiun niha. Buente ayu 'nai gumagai deskansu 'an man-malag i metkau para umabende kinisechan niha golai yan frutaq siha.

Ti man-lie'yu' man-boniton royun napa', fioles, paskan pipinu, sirigadiyas, biriñgenas, siboyas hagun, yan siboyas agaga' ni mana sesetbe para finadeni'. Ai na man-mames chandia, melon, pipinon pagpag, ikamas, ates, laguana, yan anonas. Tatnai magtos i dos saina manbende kada sakan estake mattu ha'anen man-madisponen niha.

# LEGISLATORS

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sible for the domestic problems that plague our country.

9. the Constitution, the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representative for originating and approving appropriations and taxes.

10. I cannot think of a single domestic problem that is not directly traceable to our elected officials.

11. There are no insolvable government problems.

12. If we have 11,000 plus people on welfare, it is because they want it that way.

Mr. Reese's statement above are harsh but sadly true. We elected Legislators to help us lead a better life. But matters are only getting worse. But I quickly add that we also must take some of the blame for voting for them repeatedly based on family, instead of ability to lead. We are as wrong as they. No, I am not writing the above remarks just to sound off and point fingers. We are in this mess together and must work together to get out of it.

We must understand that there is no such thing as something for nothing. Everything worth anything has a price. If we insist on trying to regain prosperity by selling our souls, we will pay a price that we will long regret and sadly regret.

As I end my discussion this morning, I hope that all aspiring candidates will seriously consider the above comments and please take the self-quiz. Don't become a legislator unless you truly feel that you can make a difference. It is not a job. It is a duty! Are you ready and willing to serve and sacrifice for all of us?

Please repeat over and over:

**Our country will only be as good as I will be as an elected official!**

To all aspiring candidates, please be honest with yourself and with us before you flood the highways with your pleas to vote for you. Know that you will do an excellent job. Do not apply if you are just looking for a job or because you have a large family but no guts for the job.

And keep looking for the diamonds under our feet. Believe it or not, they are there waiting to picked up! Prosperity is around the corner.But are we willing to pay its price? The forthcoming election will answer this question. Have a great week and keep SMILING!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

**TODAY**
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.
▲86° ▼77°

**TUESDAY**
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph
▲87 ° ▼77°

**WEDNESDAY**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

**THURSDAY**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

**FRIDAY**
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°

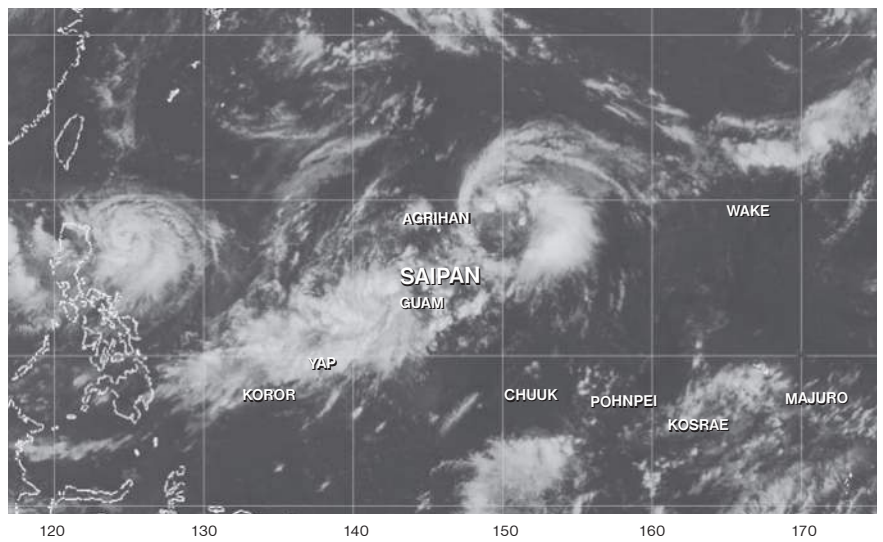
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Palau | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| Pohnpei | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Kosrae | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Majuro | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼76 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲61 | ▼54 |
| Beijing | Sunny | ▲84 | ▼62 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Honolulu | Sunny | ▲87 | ▼76 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲77 | ▼57 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲84 | ▼66 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | ▲60 | ▼44 |
| Miami | Mostly Sunny | ▲91 | ▼79 |
| New York | Thundershowers | ▲77 | ▼66 |
| Osaka | Thunderstorms | ▲90 | ▼78 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼60 |
| Pusan | Thundershowers | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲95 | ▼72 |
| Salem | Sunny | ▲85 | ▼56 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲63 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Thundershowers | ▲84 | ▼75 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲90 | ▼76 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | ▲81 | ▼70 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from 16N130E through a circulation centered just west of the Marianas at 14n143e to end at another circulation centered east of Pagan at 19N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen south of the trough axis across the Marianas and just north of Yap and Koror, within 200 miles of a line from 10N131E to 13N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also found northeast of Saipan between 15N to 21N from 148E to 155E. Convergent low level winds are generating scattered showers south of Chuuk, south of a line from 3N148E to 5n155e. A surface trough extends northward over Kosrae state from 4N164E to 9N164E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present at Kosrae and near Kwajalein between 2N and 9N from 162E to 170E. Another surface trough north of Wake Island extends northeastward from 22N165E to beyond 25N at 170E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 23N165E to 23N170E to 24N172E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4:23 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |
| 10:00 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 4:32 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 10:41 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 2.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:03 AM | 6:37 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:03 AM | 6:37 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:03 AM | 6:36 PM |
| Thursday | 6:04 AM | 6:35 PM |
| Friday | 6:04 AM | 6:34 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 8:04 AM | 8:19 PM |
| Tuesday | 9:01 AM | 9:05 PM |
| Wednesday | 9:58 AM | 9:53 PM |
| Thursday | 10:57 AM | 10:44 PM |
| Friday | 11:58 AM | 11:38 PM |

*Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.*

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 14, 2012

### DEPARTURES

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 3:10am | 1, 3, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:30am | 12:20pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:50pm | 7:40pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:55pm | 10:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL285 | 6:30am | 9:15am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/120 | 2:20am | 8:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/120 | 2:50am | 8:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| 0Z606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 0Z604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:00pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | Daily via GUM |
| UA5076/193 | 3:10pm | 10:25pm | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| 0Z604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |
| UA5072/PR111 | 9:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:45pm | 1, 5 via GUM |
| 0Z604/723 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:40am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 via SPN |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:40am | 4:15am | 1, 3, 5 |

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 4:15am | 1, 3, 5 via ROP |
| UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5071 | 7:10am | 8:00am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:25pm | 6:15pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL286 | 7:40pm | 12:15am +1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |

**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z119/606 | 9:30am | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z119/606 | 9:30am | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| 0Z605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL172/288 | 7:50am | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:15pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:10pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA192/5071 | 9:45pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| UA184/5071 | 10:55pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:25pm | 8:00am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| 0Z704/603 | 11:40pm | 2:20pm+1 | Daily via ICN |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z724/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| UA180/5071 | 10:35pm | 8:00am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# Business

## Kickstarter projects generate millions of dollars

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A funny thing happens on Kickstarter, the website where people ask for money to finance their projects. Sometimes, they get more money than they ask for.

Sometimes, they get millions more.

In April, three-person startup Pebble Technology sought to raise $100,000 to make 1,000 wristwatches that can be programmed with different clock faces. Donors on Kickstarter showered them with more than 100 times that amount: $10.3 million. It would have gone higher had Pebble not put a cap on contributions and ended the fundraising early.

"We had tried raising money through the normal routes, and it didn't really work," said Eric Migicovsky, the 25-year-old founder of Pebble.

Kickstarter is the largest of dozens of sites devoted to crowdfunding, in which donors contribute small sums of money to get a project off the ground.

Inventors, artists and entrepreneurs post their projects on a Kickstarter page, usually with a video presentation. They set a fixed duration for their fundraising, from one to 60 days, and a dollar goal for contributions. Anyone can contribute. If the goal isn't reached by the deadline, no money changes hands and the project is cancelled.

Usually, the contributors get something beyond the satisfaction of knowing they helped turn a dream into reality—like a ticket to a theater production, or in the case of Pebble, a programmable watch.

Designer Casey Hopkins asked for $75,000 to make a luxury iPhone dock out of solid aluminum. He got $1.4 million. When that happened, in February, his was the first Kickstarter project to surpass $1 million. There have been eight more since then. Artist Rich Burlew asked for $57,750 to put his comic books back in print, and ended up with $1.3 million.

Since launching in 2009, Kickstarter has raised $323 million for projects. Starting a project is free, but Kickstarter takes 5 percent of contributions if a project is funded, and Amazon.com Inc. takes another 3 to 5 percent for processing the payments. The funds are usually subject to taxes as well.

Crowdfunding started as a way to fund band tours and albums. Kickstarter wasn't the first site of its kind. It is, however, the most successful. Co-founder Perry Chen has said that the site was born out of his frustration at being unable to organize a concert. But it's becoming a potent launchpad for tangible products as well, upending in some cases the usual way things get made.

## GM, Isuzu recall 258,000 SUVs to fix power windows

**DETROIT** (AP)—General Motors and Isuzu are recalling more than 258,000 SUVs in the U.S. and Canada to fix short-circuits in power-window and door-lock switches that can cause fires.

The recall covers Chevrolet TrailBlazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainier, Isuzu Ascender and Saab 97-X SUVs from the 2006 and 2007 model years. The SUVs were sold or registered in 20 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., and Canada, where salt and other chemicals are used to clear roads in the winter.

GM has reports of 28 fires. It doesn't know of any injuries caused by the problem.

Fluid containing the road-clearing chemicals can get inside the driver's door and cause corrosion in the power-window and door-switch circuit boards, according to documents posted on the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website. The corrosion can cause short-circuits, knocking out the switches and causing fires.

The recall affects SUVs sold or registered in the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Dealers will replace the power-window switch for free, according to NHTSA documents posted Saturday. Owners will get letters telling them when to schedule appointments. GM also will make repairs at no cost to owners living in states not covered by the recall, spokesman Alan Adler said in an e-mail.

NHTSA started investigating the SUVs in February after getting a dozen complaints of fires.

In one complaint filed with NHTSA, from Oct. 29, 2008, a woman reported that the alarm sounded while her 2006 TrailBlazer was parked in her driveway. When she looked outside, she saw the SUV in flames. Firefighters put out the blaze and told her it started in the driver's door.

"The fire burned the entire driver's side of the vehicle, a portion of the front passenger seat and the roof," she wrote.

The TrailBlazer was the biggest seller among the SUVs, which helped to make the truck-based sport utility vehicle popular in the U.S. The SUVs were phased out in 2009 and replaced by more efficient car-based crossovers such as the Chevrolet Traverse, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia.

GM manufactured the Ascender for Isuzu, and Saab was part of GM back when the SUVs were built.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### British lawmakers criticize ex-Barclays CEO

**LONDON** (AP)—Former Barclays CEO Bob Diamond offered a "highly selective" account to a parliamentary hearing on the banking rate-fixing scandal, British lawmakers said Saturday in a highly critical report. In its report regarding manipulation of a key inter-bank interest rate, Parliament's Treasury committee demanded sweeping changes to regulation of the banking industry, calling for authorities to get wider powers to prosecute offenders. Barclays has been fined $453 million by U.S. and British agencies for feeding false data which went into calculations of the London interbank offered rate, known as LIBOR, a market index that influences the costs of a range of financial instruments, including home mortgages.

### Fisker recalling Karma sedans to fix fans

**DETROIT** (AP)—Electric-car maker Fisker Automotive is recalling about 2,400 Karma sports sedans to fix cooling fans that can catch fire. The recall comes after Fisker and a private fire investigation firm finished probing an Aug. 10 fire in a Karma in Woodside, Calif. The company said the probe found that the blaze started in front of the Karma's left front wheel where a cooling fan is located. Wiring in the fan failed and it overheated, causing the slow-burning fire, Fisker said Saturday.

### Suzuki recalls compact cars to fix headlights

**DETROIT** (AP)—Suzuki is recalling nearly 102,000 cars in the U.S. to fix a wiring problem that can cause the headlights to go out. The recall covers Forenza compacts from the 2004 to 2006 model years, and Reno compacts from 2005 and 2006. The company says wires behind the dashboard can heat up and melt part of the wiring assembly. This can cause the low- and high-beam headlights to fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

# Nation

## Obama, Romney compete for undecideds, stoke base

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Rushing toward their party conventions, the rival presidential campaigns are trying to invigorate core supporters while reaching out to a sliver of undecided voters who harbor doubts about President Barack Obama yet aren't sold on Republican Mitt Romney.

In the past week the campaigns have engaged in a vigorous debate over Medicare, pushing aside the economy and jobs, for the moment. Romney has charged Obama with running a campaign based on hatred, Obama has renewed a fight over Romney's tax returns, and the issue of government spending has blossomed again

These are the August seeds that candidates are planting with fence-sitting voters even as the campaigns try to get backers excited in time for the conventions. Republicans will gather in Tampa, Fla., in a week, and Democrats will be in Charlotte, N.C., in the first days of September.

AP

In this Aug. 16, 2012, file photo Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney writes on a white board as he talks about Medicare during a news conference in Greer, S.C.

Romney's selection of Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan as a running mate gave supporters extra motivation beyond their deep-seated antipathy toward Obama. In calling out Obama as a divisive, angry campaigner, Romney stoked Republicans' dislike of the incumbent and tried to cut into an Obama advantage, his likability even among voters who take a dim view of his policies or his performance as president.

At one point, Romney urged Obama to "take your campaign of division and anger and hate back to Chicago." The Obama campaign said Romney's remarks were "unhinged."

And so it went.

## Bill would expand fertility coverage for veterans

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The roadside bomb that exploded outside Andrew Robinson's Humvee in Iraq six years ago broke the Marine staff sergeant's neck and left him without use of his legs. It also cast doubt on his ability to father a child, a gnawing emotional wound for a then-23-year-old who had planned to start a family with his wife of less than two years.

The catastrophic spinal cord injury meant the couple's best hope for children was in vitro fertilization, an expensive and time-consuming medical procedure whose cost isn't covered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robinson and his wife were forced to pay out of pocket, with help from a doctor's discount and drugs donated by other patients.

A bill being considered in the Senate would expand the VA's medical benefits package so other veterans, and their spouses or surrogates, don't have to bear the same expense. The department currently covers a range of medical treatment for veterans, including some infertility care, but the legislation specifically authorizes the VA to cover IVF and to pay for procedures now provided for some critically injured active-duty soldiers.

The bill's meant to help wounded veterans start families as they return home from war and to address a harrowing consequence of combat that can radically change a couple's marriage but receives less attention than post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries.

"It's common sense: a male veteran cannot have a kid by himself. It doesn't happen. They need obviously to have it with their wife or a partner," said Robinson, of Florence, N.J., who is now 29 and was injured in a 2006 explosion in Al Anbar province. "So for the VA to say, `Oh, we can only cover this part of it,' it just kind of doesn't make sense."

In vitro fertilization, the process of mixing sperm and eggs in a laboratory dish and transferring the resulting embryo into a woman's uterus, costs thousands of dollars and each cycle can take weeks. It's physically taxing too, requiring hormone injections and other invasive steps, and can take multiple tries to produce a viable pregnancy. For many wounded veterans, it represents the most promising option.

## Obama renews call for aid to halt teacher layoffs

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Tight school budgets have meant fewer teachers, larger classes and shorter school years, according to a White House report that President Barack Obama says shows the need for Congress to pass his proposals to help states reduce teacher layoffs.

The study concluded that 300,000 education jobs have been lost since the official end of the recession in 2009 and that student-to-teacher ratios have increased by 4.6 percent from 2008 to 2010 and are on track to grow more.

"If we want America to lead in the 21st century, nothing is more important than giving everyone the best education possible—from the day they start preschool to the day they start their career," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday.

For Obama, the report offered a fresh chance to push a nearly year-old jobs plan he proposed that provided money for states to keep teachers, police officers and firefighters on the job. The proposal included payroll tax cuts and jobless insurance provisions that Congress has passed. But other proposals in the plan have run aground amid mostly Republican opposition.

Obama is pressing Congress to act, part of an election-year strategy to portray Republicans as obstructionists. Republicans have proposed their own measures, but they have not advanced in the Democratic-controlled Senate. The partisanship has created a stalemate that Obama has tried to exploit during his re-election campaign.

While the private sector has continued to create jobs, though at a sluggish pace, the public sector has been posting monthly job losses, contributing to an 8.3 percent unemployment rate.

Obama's plan includes $25 billion in aid to prevent layoffs of teacher and pay for other education jobs. That is part of a broader effort to retain state and local government jobs.

# Asia

## Rescuers search for PH minister, 2 pilots

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—More than 200 rescuers were searching Sunday for Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo and his two pilots after their small plane crashed into the sea while attempting an emergency landing. An aide of Robredo made a dramatic escape from the doomed plane and was helping in the search, officials said.

The four-seat Piper Seneca took off Saturday from central Cebu city, where Robredo had met local officials, and was 30 minutes into the flight to his hometown of Naga city when one of two engines failed and the plane began to wiggle. The Filipino pilot and Nepali student co-pilot scrambled to land in Masbate province but missed the runway by about half a kilometer (half a mile), Transport Secretary Mar Roxas said.

President Benigno Aquino III flew Sunday with his defense chief and the heads of the national police and the military to Masbate, about 380 kilometers (235 miles) southeast of Manila, to oversee the U.S. military-backed search.

AP

This Aug. 19, 2012 photo released by the Philippine Red Cross Masbate shows part of a plane carrying Philippine Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo as it lies on a boat after being recovered near the crash site off Masbate city, about 380 kilometers (235 miles) southwest of Manila, Philippines Sunday Aug. 19, 2012.

Only the tip of the right wing has been found so far, Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin told The Associated Press.

Dozens of divers scoured the sea while helicopters and ships crisscrossed overhead. Troops and police searched along the coast and a U.S. Navy plane flew over the area to help look for the wreckage.

Helping in the search was Robredo's police aide, Jun Abrazado, who was the fourth person on the plane. He lost consciousness as the plane slammed into the water, but managed to swim out of the cabin when he came to and was rescued by fishermen.

## Japan activists land, raise flags on disputed isle

**SENKAKU ISLANDS, Japan** (AP)—A group of Japanese activists swam ashore and raised flags early Sunday on one of a group of islands at the center of an escalating territorial dispute with China.

The Coast Guard in southern Japan's Okinawa prefecture said nine or 10 activists had made an unauthorized landing on Uotsuri Island, part of the small archipelago known in Japan as Senkaku and in China as Diaoyu. The uninhabited islands surrounded by rich fishing grounds are controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan.

Plans for Sunday's visit drew a protest from China's Foreign Ministry.

"Any unilateral action taken by Japan on the islands is illegal and invalid," it said in a statement issued Saturday on its website.

Days earlier, a group of 14 Hong Kong residents and mainland Chinese had traveled by boat to the islands, and some swam ashore. Japan arrested them on Wednesday for landing without authorization, and sought to quiet the regional spat by quickly deporting the group Friday. Plans for further visits by activists on both sides appear likely to further inflame the territorial tensions.

The Coast Guard did not identify by name those who landed on Uotsuri Island on Sunday. They were members of a group of ultra-conservative parliamentarians and local politicians who were visiting waters off the disputed islands over the weekend to mourn for the victims of a boat accident near there at the end of World War II.

"Four days ago there was an illegal landing of Chinese people on the island—as such we need to solidly reaffirm our own territory," said Koichi Mukoyama, a lawmaker who was among seven conservative parliamentarians aboard a boat in the flotilla of some 20 vessels that traveled to the islands.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Chinese politician's wife due to hear verdict

**BEIJING** (AP)—A fallen Chinese politician's wife who confessed to killing a British businessman is due to hear the verdict Monday in her murder trial and Communist Party leaders might have decided against a death penalty for fear it could incite public sympathy for her. The conclusion of Gu Kailai's trial will be a step toward closing a scandal that has rocked the Chinese leadership at a sensitive time when it is preparing to hand over power to younger leaders. But even after the verdict is announced, questions will remain over the fate of her husband, Bo Xilai, a prominent figure who was dismissed in March as party secretary of the major city of Chongqing. Gu is accused of killing Briton Neil Heywood, a former Bo family associate, after a dispute over money and state media claim Heywood threatened her son. A family aide has been charged as an accessory. State media say Gu confessed to intentional homicide, for which the penalty ranges from 10 years in prison to death. One option is a suspended death sentence that can be commuted later to a long prison term.

#### 8 injured in South Korean subway rampage

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—A man wielding a box-cutter stabbed or cut eight people at a subway station just outside of South Korea's capital after a teenager confronted him for spitting at him, police said Sunday. No one died in the 10-minute rampage Saturday and the injuries weren't life-threatening, according to three police officers who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk to the media. Police arrested a man running away from the station in Uijeongbu, which is home to U.S. and South Korean military bases, the officers said. Such attacks are rare in South Korea.

#### Bomb hidden in cemetery kills 2 in Afghanistan

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** (AP)—Afghan police say a bomb has exploded in a cemetery in the southern Afghan city of Lashkar Gah, killing two men whose brother is a lawmaker for Helmand province. Provincial Deputy Police Chief Ghulam Rabbani says the bomb was buried near the grave of a relative of parliamentarian Abdulwadood Popal, who was not present. A number of his family members had gone to the cemetery to pay their respects after morning prayers for the Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

# World

## Syria war tipping Mideast balance toward Sunnis

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Not long ago, Arabs everywhere listened when the leader of Hezbollah spoke. Sheik Hassan Nasrallah's prominence, bolstered by his Lebanese guerrilla force's battles against Israel, was a sign of the rising regional influence of Shiite Muslims and overwhelmingly Shiite Iran. Now, his speeches don't necessarily make front pages even in Lebanon.

The change is emblematic of how the bloody conflict in Syria, now in its 18th month, has brought a shift in the Middle East's sectarian power balance. For much of the past few years, Shiites were surging in power across the region, based on the central alliance between Iran, Syria and Hezbollah, with close relations to Shiites who took power in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq.

But now the region's Sunni-led powers are appearing more confident, encouraged by the prospect that the Sunni-led rebellion could bring down Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime, dominated by members of the Shiite offshoot sect of Alawites. Assad's fall would cost Iran a priceless foothold in the heart of the Arab world. Hezbollah would lose a bastion of support and a conduit via Syria for vital Iranian weapon supplies.

Already, Iran and Hezbollah have seen their reputations damaged by their support for Assad in the face of the uprising.

"Iran's influence in the Arab world has taken a big hit recently," said Alireza Nader, a Middle East expert from the Rand Corporation. Iran's and Hezbollah's support of the Assad regime, he said, contradicts their support for Arab Spring revolts elsewhere. "This policy makes Iran, and Hezbollah, appear cynical if not hypocritical."

Further boosting the Sunnis, the wave of uprisings around the Middle East since early 2011 brought greater political influence to Sunni Islamists, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood, in Egypt and Tunisia.

The announcement Saturday that Egypt's new, Muslim Brotherhood-rooted president, Mohammed Morsi, will visit Iran on Aug. 30—the first such visit by an Egyptian leader since the mid-1970s—likely reflects the growing confidence that Iran's status is damaged and that Sunni Arab nations can steer the agenda.

## Russian clerics forgive Pussy Riot for Putin rant

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Russia's top Orthodox clerics on Saturday asked for mercy for the punk band Pussy Riot for its anti-government protest in a Moscow cathedral, but the church's forgiveness is unlikely to change the band's punishment in a case that caused an international furor over political dissent.

Despite its plea for clemency for the three rock activists, a leading cleric called the demonstration "awful" and defiant of the powerful church that is the heart of Russia's national identity.

The case, which ended Friday with the three band members' conviction for hooliganism and sentence to two years each in prison, became an emblem of Russia's intolerance of dissent and was widely seen as a warning that authorities will tolerate opposition only under tightly controlled conditions.

Tikhon Shevkunov, who is widely believed to be President Vladimir Putin's spiritual counselor, said on state television Saturday that his church forgave the singers after their "punk prayer" in the Christ the Savior Cathedral in Moscow in February.

"We did forgive them from the very start. But such actions should be cut short by society and authorities," said the cleric, who heads Moscow's Sretensky Monastery.

Archpriest Maxim Kozlov agreed, but he also said on state TV that his church hopes the young women and their supporters change their ways.

"We are simply praying and hoping that these young women and all these people shouting in front of the court building, committing sacrilegious acts not only in Russia but in other countries, realize that their acts are awful," he said. "And despite this the church is asking for mercy within the limits of law."

Both clerics supported the court's decision to prosecute Pussy Riot, despite an international outcry that incited global protests from Moscow to New York and condemnation from musicians like Madonna and Paul McCartney. Governments, including those in the United States, Britain, France and Germany, denounced the sentences as disproportionate.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 22, Maria Alekhina, 24, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 30, were arrested in March after dancing and high-kicking in the cathedral as they called on the Virgin Mary to save Russia from Putin, who was elected to a third term as Russia's president two weeks later.

## UK, Ecuador seek solution to deadlock over Assange

**LONDON** (AP)—Britain is seeking an amicable solution with Ecuador to their diplomatic standoff over WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, a U.K. official insisted Saturday, as the secret-spiller prepared to make his first public statement since the Latin American nation confirmed it would offer him asylum.

Assange, who took shelter in the Ecuadorian Embassy on June 19 after he exhausted all routes of appeal in the U.K. to avoid extradition to Sweden for questioning over sexual misconduct allegations, is scheduled to make a public statement Sunday.

London diplomats have spoken with Ecuadorian Ambassador Ana Alban since the South American country granted Assange asylum on Thursday, a move which threatens to further complicate Sweden's two-year long attempt to have the activist extradited from Britain.

British officials in Ecuador's capital, Quito, have also contacted the country's foreign ministry to discuss a resumption of talks over the case, and to quell anger prompted when Britain appeared to suggest it could invoke a little-known law to strip Ecuador's embassy of diplomatic privileges—meaning police would be free to move in and detain Assange.

But there was little sign of a friendlier atmosphere Saturday from Quito, however, where Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on his weekly broadcast that Britain's "direct threat" about possibly entering the embassy had come "in a totally offensive, inconsiderate, intolerable manner."

He said Ecuador "never wanted to impede the investigation of a supposed crime. What we wanted to impede is the extradition to a third country."

Correa complained again that Britain and Sweden had declined to give assurances against such an extradition.

British diplomats have repeated assurances that the government was simply setting out the country's legal options, not making a specific threat to storm the nation's mission—a small apartment in London's ritzy Knightsbridge district, close to the famed Harrods department store.

# Focus

# Sale of Niger nomad's last camel is sign of hunger

**SAKABAL, Niger** (AP)—In a part of the world where the worth of a man is measured by his animals, Tuareg nomad Soumaila Wantala has come to this market to do the unthinkable: Sell his last camel.

He crouches in the shade of a thorn tree as traders haggle over the 4-year-old male animal, Yedi. When the sale is complete, Yedi rears his enormous neck and lets out a cry, like the deep, subterranean call of a whale. It takes three men to drag the camel out of the arena, as if he understands the fate that has just befallen his master.

In markets all over Niger, hungry people are selling hungry animals for half their normal value, giving up on the milk and money of tomorrow so that their children can eat today. Their plight is a sign of how far the economy of the desert has broken down, leaving its people unable to feed themselves in drought after drought.

This is a community so tied to its animals that children play with miniature camels or cows cut from rock. It's in livestock that a man settles disputes, pays the dowry for his future bride and leaves an inheritance to his sons.

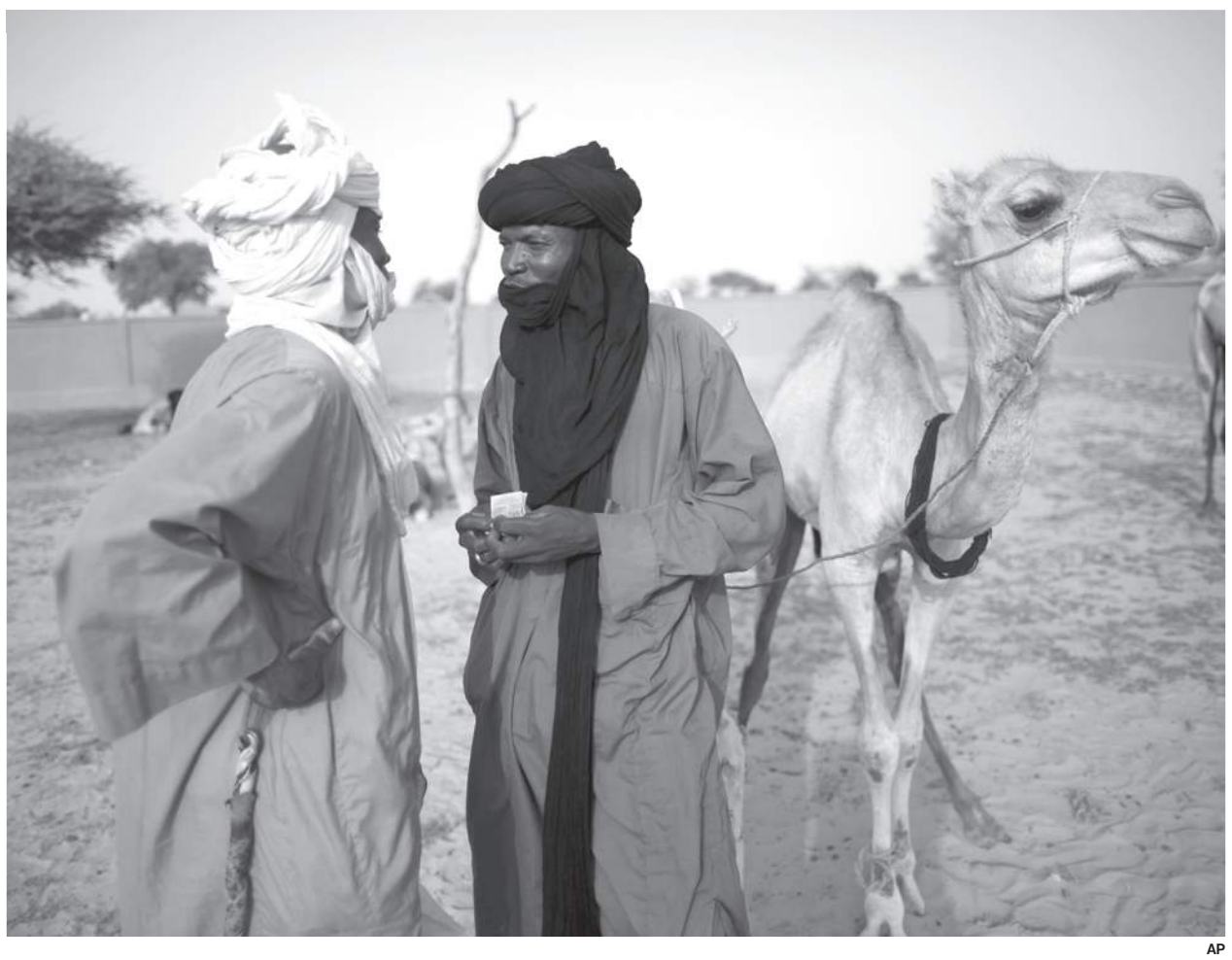
So to see a nomad sell his last camel is like watching someone sell their house and car, liquidate their 401(k) and empty their bank account all at once, just to buy groceries.

Such fire sales are now happening with frightening regularity in cattle markets like this one, poised on the edge of the massive grasslands that run like a ribbon across the neck of Africa.

In a normal year, an adult camel like Yedi could sell for as much as $1,600. After spending all day under the thorn tree, Wantala, a 35-year-old who looks like a human stick, was forced to accept half that price. Across the plains, his wife and six children were waiting for him under an animal-skin tent, their bag of grain nearly empty.

"It's a deep shock. It's like I've fallen into a hole," said Wantala. "But right now, I'm hungry. And I need first of all to remove the hunger."

Animals in the Sahel act as a buffer, a cushion against hunger. In times of need, a cow or camel provides milk, and is also an asset that can be traded for food.



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In this picture taken Sunday, July 22, 2012, Tuareg men negotiate the sale of camels at the livestock market in the desert village of Sakabal, Niger, 220 kms (140 miles) north of Maradi.

Eighty percent of people in this landlocked nation, and virtually all in its rural areas, depend on livestock for some part of their income, according to Niger's breeders' association.

In a time of drought, the animals lose weight, and nomads literally see their assets shrink. At the same time, the cost of grain goes up. The price of millet, a local staple, is now at record levels.

In March of last year, a goat could be traded at a market in Niger's Tahoua region for 179 kilograms (394 pounds) of millet, according to the FAO. By March this year, it took two goats to fetch the same amount of cereal.

"For the herders, it's a double whammy," says Paul Sitnam, West Africa director for humanitarian emergency affairs for World Vision, which works in Niger's pastoral region. "The animal represents their capital. Their savings."

Animals can feed children over time. UNICEF estimates that 1 million children in the Sahel face life-threatening malnutrition this year due to the drought, more than a third of them in Niger. The all-too-familiar period without rain in this former French colony of 16 million is so painful that it is called the "soudure"—French for "soldering" lips shut.

Aid groups have saved lives by trucking in food and setting up feeding centers. It's an expensive fix, though, that does not mend a broken food chain. During the Sahel drought of 2005, it cost donors $80 a day to save the life of a severely malnourished child, according to United Nations figures. Preventing malnutrition would have cost just $1 a day.

But it's a tough sell to get donors to save the goats which could prevent a child's hunger.

"Pictures of starving goats do not attract aid in the same way as images of dying children," says Maiga Ibrahim Soumaila, a representative of the United Nations Organization for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

For generations, nomads like Wantala have lived in a precarious equilibrium with the sky above them.

When the first rains come, they head north toward the Sahara desert, where the grass is said to be saltier, packed with minerals. They time their movements according to the clouds, waiting for the second major downpour before making a U-turn back to the greener south.

Herders keep both camels and goats. If a camel is an investment account like a 401(k), a goat is petty cash, traded during the lean season for bags of millet.

Wantala's troubles began three years ago, when the rains abruptly stopped during the drought of 2010. He found himself stuck between two watering holes, dozens of miles from the nearest market. And while a camel can last 10 days without water under the blasting sun, goats and sheep will only live for two to three days, experts say.

By the time he reached the auction block, the ones that had survived were so thin they sold for almost nothing.

Out of goats by the end of 2010, Wantala was forced to begin selling his five camels. His only female camel became weak from the drought and died, robbing his family of their milk supply.

So last month, Wantala saddled Yedi one last time and rode to Sakabal, where nomads in varying degrees of despair were selling several dozen other camels. Each precious camel wore a leather pouch around its neck with a strip of paper, printed with recitations from the Quran, to protect it from the evil eye.

Despite their attempts, the nomads have not found an amulet to protect the camels from drought.

Niger is no stranger to famine, and the worst droughts are remembered with special names. There was the one known as "the wind that carried away our children." In 1968, herders lost between 50 and a 100 percent of their animals. Then, between 1972 to 1973, more than six million of Niger's animals died, or half the national herd, according to historian and author Thurston Clarke.

Between those droughts, though, the rains returned, allowing people to rebuild their depleted herds. British charity Oxfam estimates that it takes three years to rebuild a herd of goats or sheep, and up to eight for cows and camels.

In recent years, herders have had no time to recover, hit by the relentless hammer of bad rains in 2005, in 2010 and again this year.

At the camel market this spring in Agadez, one of the northernmost points on the caravan route traced every year by herders, a skinny black-and-white goat with a mangy coat dropped down dead. Its owner immediately slit its throat, hoping a belated attempt to satisfy the Muslim ritual of bleeding the animal to death would allow him to sell the meat.

"He wasn't sick," the man babbled at a gathering audience. "He just didn't have enough food."

An adolescent camel also fell awkwardly, weak from hunger. It broke a foreleg, condemning it to the butcher's lot. A tear trickled from the young animal's eye as it was carted away.

The merciless frequency of the drought has wiped out the fortunes of even the most affluent nomads.

The style of Mobaga Bango's black turban, wrapped in cords over his head and around his chin, shows that he was once a man of means. The old man now sits destroyed at the market in Bermo, his eyes watery as buyers poke his little cow with their staffs.

At home, he only has a few cups of millet left, and with 10 children and eight grandchildren to feed, the math of hunger is ruthless.

"It's to pay for food," he says weakly, as a trader squats beside him, receipt book in hand, to fill out the paperwork for the sale. Receipt No. 09189 is for his cow. "There was no grass," he explains. "The drought is too much for us."

The cow's ribs are poking through her hide. He'll only get half her normal value, and she is one of the few he was able to save.

In 2010, he lost around 80 head of cattle, and instantly went from the upper echelons of the herder class to the bottom rungs. This year, he lost seven more, a third of his remaining herd.

The old man rattles off the names of the cows he lost, like the names of ancestors: First was Saigna, then Ouage, Lelowaye, and Tidime, then came Wobe, Sekangi. Finally Tadia. And now he has sold Bague.

The old man used to wear flowing robes and elaborate turbans. Now the stitches in his pants are coming apart.

"Some people mock me—make fun of me because I'm poor now," says the old man. "It's okay, because I know there are people that don't have so much as a single cow."

One of those people is Wantala, who is facing the end of his nomadic life.

Wantala tries not to think of Yedi's pained cries, as the camel yanked his head around at the market to look for his master. The Tuaregs say camels are so attached to their keepers that they must be tied up for two or three months after they are sold, so they do not run back.

Yedi was bought by a Hausa, a farmer belonging to a sedentary ethnic group that lives south of the grasslands. An increasingly familiar sight in Niger is that of a camel pulling a Hausa's plough.

Wantala used to make fun of the Hausas, calling them "the people who go to the bathroom in the same place where they went last year." Now his clan, which has lost nearly all its camels, has asked the Hausas to teach them how to plant.

Wantala holds out his hands as a humiliating reminder of his fall. They are marred by calluses from holding a hoe for the first time.

Callimachi reported this story from Sakabal, Dakoro and Bermo, Niger. Africa correspondent Michelle Faul contributed to this story from Agadez.

# Health & Fitness

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In a Thursday, July 26, 2012 photo, Sandra Pico, 52, holds medications she takes, at her home in North Miami Beach, Fla. Pico makes about $15,000 a year working about 20 hours a week as a home health aide, a bit too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough that she can afford private insurance.

# Some below poverty line don't qualify for Medicaid

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**MIAMI** (AP)—Sandra Pico is poor, but not poor enough.

She makes about $15,000 a year, supporting her daughter and unemployed husband. She thought she'd be able to get health insurance after the Supreme Court upheld President Barack Obama's health care law.

Then she heard that her own governor won't agree to the federal plan to extend Medicaid coverage to people like her in two years. So she expects to remain uninsured, struggling to pay for her blood pressure medicine.

"You fall through the cracks and there's nothing you can do about it," said the 52-year-old home health aide. "It makes me feel like garbage, like the American dream, my dream in my homeland is not being accomplished."

Many working parents like Pico are below the federal poverty line but don't qualify for Medicaid, a decades-old state-federal insurance program. That's especially true in states where conservative governors say they'll reject the Medicaid expansion under Obama's health law.

In South Carolina, a yearly income of $16,900 is too much for Medicaid for a family of three. In Florida, $11,000 a year is too much. In Mississippi, $8,200 a year is too much. In Louisiana and Texas, earning more than just $5,000 a year makes you ineligible for Medicaid.

Governors in those five states have said they'll reject the Medicaid expansion underpinning Obama's health law after the Supreme Court's decision gave states that option. They favor small government and say they can't afford the added cost to their states even if it's delayed by several years. Some states estimate the expansion could ultimately cost them a billion dollars a year or more.

Many of the people affected by the decision are working parents who are poor - but not poor enough—to qualify for Medicaid.

Republican Mitt Romney's new running mate, conservative Wisconsin congressman Paul Ryan, has a budget plan that would turn Medicaid over to the states and sharply limit federal dollars. Romney hasn't specifically said where he stands on Ryan's idea, but has expressed broad support for his vice presidential pick's proposals.

Medicaid now covers an estimated 70 million Americans and would cover an estimated 7 million more in 2014 under the Obama health law's expansion. In contrast, Ryan's plan could mean 14 million to 27 million Americans would ultimately lose coverage, even beyond the effect of a repeal of the health law, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation of Ryan's 2011 budget plan.

For now, most states don't cover childless adults, but all states cover some low-income parents. The income cutoff, however, varies widely from state to state.

Most states cover children in low-income families. Manuel and Sandra Pico's 15-year-old daughter is covered by Medicaid. But the suburban Miami couple can't afford private insurance for themselves and they make too much for Florida's Medicaid.

Manuel Pico, a carpenter, used to make more than $20,000 a year, but has struggled to find work in the last three years after the real estate market collapsed. He occasionally picks up day jobs or takes care of the neighbor's yard. Sandra Pico would like to work full time, but can't afford to pay someone to watch her 34-year-old sister, who has Down syndrome.

"No matter how hard I work, I'm not going to get anywhere," Sandra Pico said. "If you're not rich, you just don't have it."

In San Juan, Texas, 22-year-old Matthew Solis makes about $8,700 a year - too much to qualify for Medicaid in that state. Solis, a single father with joint custody of his 4-year-old daughter, said he works about 25 hours per week at a building supply store making minimum wage and is a full-time college student at the University of Texas-Pan American. He aspires to be a school counselor.

He recently sought medical care for food poisoning, visiting a federally funded clinic. But he doesn't see a doctor regularly because he can't afford private insurance. The new health law allows young adults to remain on their parents' insurance until age 26. But that doesn't help Solis, whose father is uninsured and whose mother died of leukemia when he was 8.

"I voted for him (Obama) because he promised we would have insurance," Solis said. "I'm pretty upset because I worked for Obama and I still don't have coverage."

His governor, Rick Perry, like Pico's governor, Rick Scott, is rejecting the Medicaid expansion. So Solis too is out of luck unless his circumstances dramatically change.

In all but one of the states where governors are rejecting or leaning against the expansion, the income level that disqualifies a parent from Medicaid is below the federal poverty line. Only in New Jersey, where Gov. Chris Christie has said he's leaning against the expansion, is Medicaid available to parents with incomes at the poverty line and slightly above. New Jersey will cover a parent making $24,645 in a family of three.

Most states base Medicaid eligibility for parents on household income and how it compares to the federal poverty level, which was $18,530 for a family of three in 2011, the year being used for easier state-by-state comparisons.

In Louisiana, the eligibility cutoff for a working parent is 25 percent of federal poverty, or $4,633 for a family of three. In Nevada, it's 87 percent of the federal poverty level, or $16,121 for a family of three.

That's been the range in states where governors are likely saying no to expanded Medicaid.

In contrast, states where governors have said they'll expand Medicaid are more generous with working parents. The Medicaid eligibility cutoff ranges in those states from Washington's $13,527 to Minnesota's $39,840.

To be sure, some states with generous coverage for parents have been forced to cut back. Illinois, facing a financial crisis, ended coverage last month for more than 25,000 working parents. Even so, the state still covers working parents with incomes slightly higher than the poverty line.

The national health law's Medicaid expansion would start covering all citizens in 2014 who make up to roughly $15,400 for an individual, $30,650 for a family of four.

The federal government will pay the full cost of the Medicaid expansion through 2016. After that, the states will pick up 5 percent of the cost through 2019, and 10 percent of the cost thereafter.

Why would a governor say no?

These state leaders are in favor of smaller government. In principle, they don't want the federal government to expand—even if that expansion would help their own citizens. Also Medicaid is costly, taking a huge bite out of budgets already. And they don't want to be on the hook for paying any more of the tab even if it's years down the road.

"We don't need the federal government telling us what to do when it comes to meeting the needs of the citizens of our states," Florida Gov. Rick Scott wrote recently in an opinion piece for U.S. News and World Report. "And we don't need Washington putting states on the hook for future budget obligations."

Also, many conservatives view Medicaid as a wasteful, highly flawed program, akin to no health coverage. Many doctors across the country won't treat Medicaid patients because the payments they receive are so low.

When the Supreme Court ruled that states could opt out of the health law's Medicaid expansion, it raised the chances for inequity at a time when more Americans have fallen from the middle class into poverty, said Isabel Sawhill, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

"Why should a sick person in Connecticut have access to health care when they don't in Mississippi and Texas?" Sawhill asked. "We really do have a very high level of poverty as a result of the recession. And the safety net is weaker than ever."

Medicaid, the nation's single largest insurer, is a state and federal program created in 1965 as a companion program to welfare cash assistance to single parents. Today, the elderly and disabled cost nearly 70 cents of every Medicaid dollar, not the stereotypical single mother and her children.

What's largely unknown to many Americans is who is left out of the safety net, said Cheryl Camillo, a senior researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. "A huge chunk of the populace is not covered, even by Medicaid," she said.

The political rhetoric during a presidential campaign focuses on the middle class and leaves the uninsured working poor largely invisible, said Rand Corp. researcher Dr. Art Kellermann.

"We hear a lot of talk about unemployment and the aspirations of middle-class Americans. But we don't hear about the consequences of unemployment and the consequences of the collapsing middle class," Kellermann said. Losing health insurance is one of those consequences.

"It's like the public just doesn't want to believe anything else until it hits home," he said, "Until it's their own child, brother or parent that got laid off when they were 58, until then, it's not real."

# Life & Style

## Douglas, Wieber enjoy celebrity sparkle after gold

AP

Olympic champion gymnast Gabby Douglas pretends to talk on the phone while posing for photos on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, in New York.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—They've been on a whirlwind tour since the Olympics—from "Late Night With David Letterman" to the Empire State Building and the New York Stock Exchange—but gold-medal gymnasts Gabby Douglas and Jordyn Wieber have one more stop to make before they can truly take a breath: the White House.

President Barack Obama made the invitation in a phone call. "We'll definitely take him up on it," Douglas said.

The girls say they are trying to get the most out of this post-London euphoria. Long days of interviews, autographs and photo ops haven't left them jaded. "Were enjoying every step of the way," said Wieber, who with Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Kyla Ross and Aly Raisman gave the United States its first Olympic team title in women's gymnastics since 1996.

Douglas also won the women's all-around individual gymnastics competition.

They insist they're not tired or homesick, despite going weeks before making their way home late this week. Wieber says she has jammed pretty much everything she owns into four suitcases, including her own pillow, and hasn't looked back.

"We've been having so much fun the past few days," agreed Douglas, who has Tweeted photos of herself meeting Nicki Minaj, Karmin and Nick Cannon, and also has savored online congratulations from Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. She shared a couch with first lady Michelle Obama on "Tonight" with Jay Leno.

She is still waiting for her invitation to appear on "The Vampire Diaries," hands-down her favorite TV show. Wieber? She'd like a little gig on "Teen Wolf."

Douglas and Wieber are still girls, and they acknowledge not being fully prepared for all the attention and publicity they've received over the past few weeks. Douglas is 16, and Wieber 17.

"I don't think anyone expected this. ... I didn't expect this," said Wieber, of DeWitt, Mich.

Instead of making back-to-school plans for the fall, they're gearing up for the 40-city Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions.

"Not many 17-year-old girls get to do this, so I don't feel like were missing much," Wieber said.

Douglas, who lives and is home schooled in Des Moines, Iowa, to be near her coaches most of the time, would just like to have time to do a little light gymnastics training in the interim before the tour—and maybe try a CrossFit conditioning workout that emphasizes endurance and cardio. "We all want to stay in shape," she said.

On Thursday, they were doing their latest round with journalists at Manhattan's swanky Surrey Hotel off Madison Avenue. There were publicists, makeup artists, photographers and family members all over the penthouse suite as Douglas and Wieber talked up the products they use as P&G Beauty spokeswomen. (Pantene Pro-V shampoo and conditioner for Douglas; Olay facial cleansing wipes for Wieber.)

During the Olympics, they did their own hair and makeup for all the competitions—and those millions of photos. As a team, sometimes they'd critique themselves, Douglas said, deciding the next day to lighten up on the eyeliner or wear more blush. But they didn't pay much attention to any critics of their appearance even as Douglas' slicked back half pony-tail became the talk of the Olympics.

Douglas, who on Thursday wore her hair loose and flowy, said while she loved the transformation the pros give to their look, she, Wieber and their teammates decided they sort of like it better when they do it themselves.

"Sometimes," Douglas said, "it just looks a little bit more like us."

## The Tonight Show cuts staff; Leno trims pay

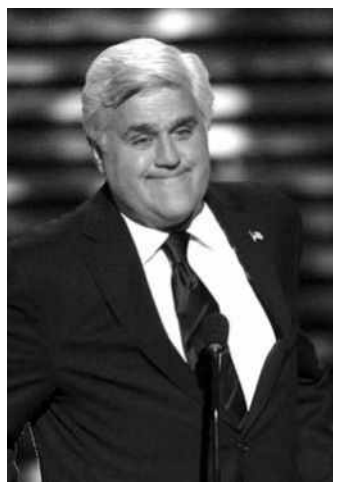
**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—"The Tonight Show" has laid off about two dozen workers, prompting host Jay Leno to accept a pay cut to spare other staffers as NBC clamps down on expenses.

NBC Universal imposed the cutbacks Friday, according to a person familiar with the moves. The person asked not to be identified because NBC Universal hadn't officially disclosed the cost cutting.

The payroll purge affected about 10 percent of the roughly 200 people who work on "The Tonight Show," still the top-rated late-night program. Viewers shouldn't notice any changes in programming at "The Tonight Show," the person said.

NBC Universal is trying to improve its financial performance under the ownership of Comcast Corp., which bought the entertainment company last year.

Leno had been making between $25 million to $30 million annually as the host of "The Tonight Show." His salary will be reduced to about $20 million after making the job-saving concessions. Leno also brings in substantial income touring as a stand-up comedian.



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In this Wednesday, July 13, 2011 file photo, Jay Leno presents the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance at the ESPY Awards in Los Angeles.

"Jay's foremost concern is for the wonderful people who work with him at `The Tonight Show,'" said Bruce Bobbins, a spokesman for Leno. "He did what was necessary to ensure their well-being."

Several other staffers on "The Tonight Show" also absorbed pay cuts.

David Letterman, the host of a rival late-night show on CBS, accepted a significant pay cut in 2009.

The show's cost-cutting measures were first reported by Deadline Hollywood, a website that tracks the entertainment industry.

Comcast bought a controlling interest in NBC Universal for $6.2 billion in cash and several cable-TV channels valued at $7.25 billion. Besides its TV network and several cable channels, NBC also owns the Universal Pictures movie studio and theme parks.

Comcast, which is based in Philadelphia, makes most of its money selling cable TV and high-speed Internet access.

Despite its solid ratings, "The Tonight Show" hasn't been a big moneymaker. That prompted the cuts Friday, which are expected to trim the program's weekly budget by about $600,000, or 25 percent, to $1.7 million. That's back to its levels of a few years ago.

Leno outmaneuvered Letterman to succeed Johnny Carson as "The Tonight Show" host in 1992 and remained in one of television's most sought-after jobs for the next 17 years. At NBC's behest, he left the show in 2009 and was replaced by Conan O'Brien. After a few months hosting his own show in an earlier time slot, Leno returned as "The Tonight Show" host in 2010 in a decision that provoked a nasty fight between O'Brien and NBC.

O'Brien now hosts a late-night talk show on TBS

During Leno's brief stint hosting his prime-time program, his show's weekly budget escalated and wasn't reduced significantly to reflect his return to the late-night slot until now.

## CBS drops suit against ABC over 'Glass House' show

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—CBS dropped its lawsuit Friday against ABC over its reality series "The Glass House," citing the show's low viewership numbers as a reason it is no longer interested in the case.

The CBS network said it will continue to pursue its claims that top producers on the new series violated confidentiality agreements from when they worked on CBS' hit series "Big Brother." Those efforts will continue in private arbitration, not a federal courtroom where the rival networks have handled the case since it was filed in May.

CBS claimed the show copied "Big Brother" too closely.

A judge refused to grant CBS' request to block the show's broadcast, saying the unpredictable nature of reality television meant that the two shows were likely to be very different, despite some similarities in their format.

AP

This June 18, 2012 file photo released by ABC shows contestants Apollo, left, and Jeffrey, during the premiere episode of "The Glass House."

The season finale of "Glass House" is scheduled to air on Monday. Only 1.6 million viewers tuned in to the Aug. 6 episode.

"The viewers have spoken and delivered the ultimate form of justice against `The Glass House,'" CBS wrote in a statement released Friday.

## Tom Hanks makes surprise visit to N. Dakota diner

**WEST FARGO, N.D.** (AP)—The owner of a diner in North Dakota got a surprise Friday when actor Tom Hanks showed up for an early breakfast.

Tammy Hagensen says she got a call Thursday evening from a jet company that often sends their pilots to TNT's Diner in West Fargo. A company official asked if she would open early Friday for a special guest whose name could not be revealed right away. Hagensen told the Forum newspaper (http://bit.ly/N73JbT ) she agreed to open early because she was curious. She says she was stunned when Hanks, his wife, Rita Wilson, and their two sons walked through the door.

Hagensen says Hanks and his family ate breakfast and left, but not before a couple of photos were taken and he signed a couple of T-shirts.

# Miss China Crowned Miss World 2012

**ORDOS, China** (AP)—China's Yu Wenxia has been crowned the 2012 Miss World.

This is the second time Miss China has been awarded the title. The last time was in 2007 when Zhang Zilin took the honor.

The first runner-up is Sophie Elizabeth Moulds of Wales and the second runner-up is Jessica Michelle Kahawaty of Australia.

The 23-year-old Yu is a music student who says she wants to become a music teacher.

This is the first time for the Inner Mongolian city of Ordos to host the international beauty pageant.

The city is one of the richest regions in China thanks to its abundant natural resources. It hopes the world event will raise its profile for economic development and tourism.

Sanya, another Chinese city, has hosted the contest several times.

AP

Newly crowned Miss World Yu Wenxia of China waves after she won the Miss World 2012 beauty pageant at the Ordos Stadium Arena in inner Mongolia, China Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012.

# Jenny McCarthy announces split with Brian Urlacher

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Former Playboy Playmate and actress Jenny McCarthy says she is no longer romantically involved with Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher.

McCarthy, who is from suburban Chicago, released a statement Friday that said: "Brian and I have decided to turn our romance into an amazing friendship. I will continue to be the biggest cheerleader for him."

The 34-year-old Urlacher is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery. He says he expects to be ready for the Sept. 9 opener against Indianapolis.

The 39-year-old McCarthy has also been outspoken about autism treatments and written a book detailing her search for a cure for her son. She was previously romantically involved with actor Jim Carrey.

AP

This May 14, 2012 file photo shows "Love In The Wild" host Jenny McCarthy arrives for the NBC network upfront presentation at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

# Minaj cancels UK festival show due to vocal cords

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Nicki Minaj has canceled her appearance at this weekend's V Festival in the United Kingdom because of damage to her vocal cords.

Her representative says in an email that Minaj will have to back out of her shows on Saturday and Sunday because of "strained vocal cords."

Minaj performed a free concert in New York City on Wednesday, though she had been advised by her doctor to rest.

Her rep now says her voice is "worse," and that recent X-rays show that the singer-rapper must "rest her voice for a few days."

The two-day V Festival also features The Killers, David Guetta, LMFAO and The Stone Roses.

AP

In this Saturday, June 23, 2012 file photo, singer Nicki Minaj performs on stage at the Radio One Hackney Music Festival in Hackney marshes, east London.

Minaj performed for more than two hours at her New York show. It featured Drake, Lil Wayne and Foxy Brown.

# NBC says Al Roker quip wasn't about Ann Curry

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The "Today" show says Al Roker and Matt Lauer have jokingly bantered about throwing someone "under the bus" at least 27 times over the past two years.

Why does that matter? Because the most recent time Roker said it, on Thursday, it was widely interpreted as a dig against his own show for the way it removed co-host Ann Curry less than two months ago.

Lauer was speaking with members of the U.S. women's rowing team and its tradition of throwing the coxswain in the water after winning a race, and he joked that in New York it would mean a toss into the Hudson River. Roker said it was different than "Today" tradition, "which is to throw one of us under the bus."

Roker's colleagues appeared taken aback, but spokeswoman Megan Kopf said it was not a reference to Curry, pointing to the frequency of "under the bus" banter.

AP

Lionel Richie, left, sings with Al Roker and Savannah Guthrie while performing on NBC's "Today" show on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012 in New York.

# Bieber, Gaga, Obama join Beyonce for campaign

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Michelle Obama are giving a helping hand to Beyonce.

Obama and the pop stars have signed on to support Beyonce and the global campaign for World Humanitarian Day, which is Sunday.

The campaign asks that on Sunday people help others through such acts as making sandwiches for the homeless or volunteering at a local charity. The goal is to share 1 billion messages of hope.

A representative for Beyonce says that Bieber, Gaga, Obama, Rihanna, Shakira, Jay-Z, Gwyneth Paltrow, Chris Martin and others will participate.

Beyonce performed her song "I Was Here" at the United Nations in New York last week to promote World Humanitarian Day. The performance was taped and the music video will debut Sunday. The song is from her latest album "4."

# Old cellphones take on new life for soldiers calling home

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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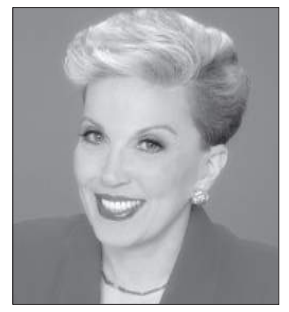

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY:** My son is a career soldier, Army Rangers Airborne, and yes, I am proud of him. During his 15 years of active duty he has been involved in every "action" around the world. The greatest gift I have been given started with an idea conceived by two high school students in Massachusetts. The program is called Cell Phones for Soldiers, and these are the basics:

Old cellphones are donated and then sold to a recycler, and with that money phone cards are purchased and donated to soldiers all over the world. Eighty percent of calls home by active-duty soldiers are made using these cards.

I have never heard of such a win-win program, and the biggest winner is the family member who answers the phone and hears, "Hi, Mom. I love you. I'm OK."

DR. LISA MORGAN, A VERY THANKFUL MOM

**DEAR DR. MORGAN: Until I read your letter, I hadn't heard of the program, either. It seems very worthwhile, and something anyone who wants to support members of our military might be interested in.**

**Founded in 2004, Cell Phones for Soldiers is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide free communication tools for military serving overseas. There are more than 15,000 collection sites across the United States. Nearly 12,000 calling cards are mailed each week, and since 2004, more than 150 million minutes of talk time have been provided. Anyone interested in learning more should visit cellphonesforsoldiers.com.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 21, almost 22, and I have just found out that it isn't the flu. I'm pregnant. The problem is, I don't know who the father is. I have an "idea" of who he might be -- but it could be three other guys. I'm not in a relationship with any of them. No. 1 and No. 2, I wouldn't want my child exposed to because of some of the things they do.

I have heard that if a mother is on state support and the parents aren't together, the father will have to pay child support. Is that true? I don't know what to do.

LOST AND CONFUSED IN MISSOURI

**DEAR LOST AND CONFUSED: You are going to need prenatal care to ensure you have a healthy baby. Your local Planned Parenthood health center may be able to provide prenatal care or refer you to other low-cost options.**

**Your next stop should be your county department of social services so that when your child arrives, you'll be able to feed it. I'm sure they will want the father to contribute financially. Determining which candidate is—or is not—the father is as simple as getting a paternity test.**

**P.S. And this is important, too: In the future, Planned Parenthood can provide you with reliable, low-cost contraceptive services, so the next time you become pregnant it will be by choice and with a committed partner.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 7 years old and me and my parents can never agree on my bedtime. Do you think 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 11 or midnight?

BAD BEDTIME IN BOSTON

**DEAR BAD BEDTIME: It depends on what time you're expected to get up the next morning. According to the experts, children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old need between 10 and 11 hours of sleep each night. So count backward from the time your day is supposed to start and you'll know what time you're supposed to be in bed (8:30 p.m. seems about right to me).**

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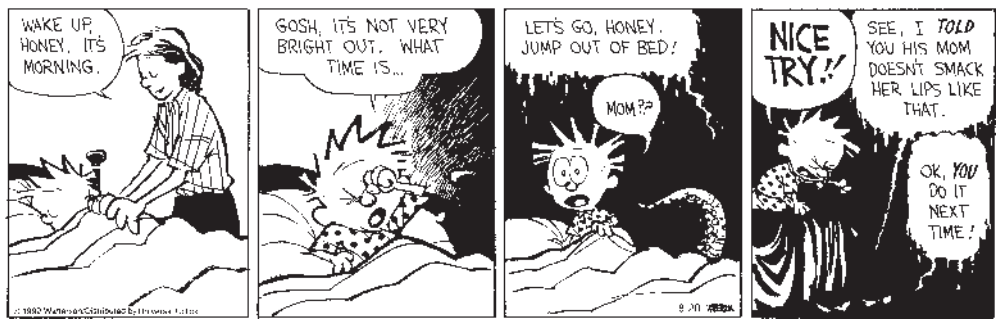
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WAKE UP, HONEY. IT'S MORNING.
GOSH, IT'S NOT VERY BRIGHT OUT. WHAT TIME IS...
LET'S GO, HONEY. JUMP OUT OF BED!
MOM??
NICE TRY!!
SEE, I TOLD YOU HIS MOM DOESN'T SMACK HER LIPS LIKE THAT.
OK, YOU DO IT NEXT TIME!

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I WANT TO GET A DOG.
ME, TOO.
EVERY TIME WE ASK, MOM MAKES US PRETEND WE HAVE AN IMAGINARY DOG.
AND BY THE THIRD DAY, WE'VE ALREADY STOPPED FEEDING AND WALKING POOR IMOGENE.
IMOGENE?
YES-- IMOGENE-- OUR IMAGINARY DOG.
I WANT A BOY DOG.
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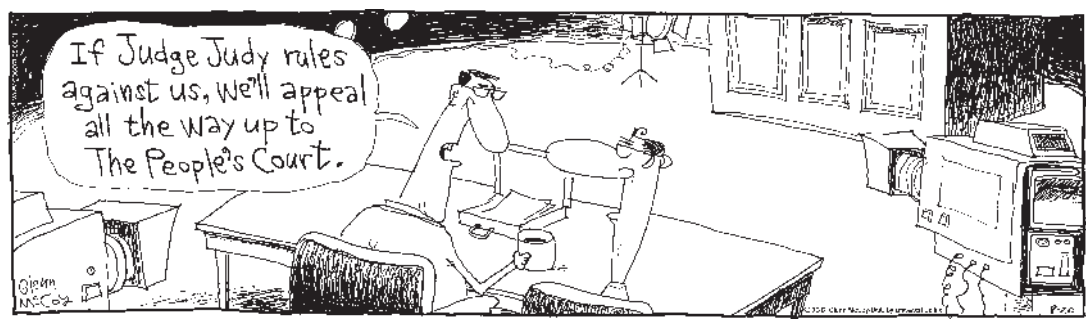
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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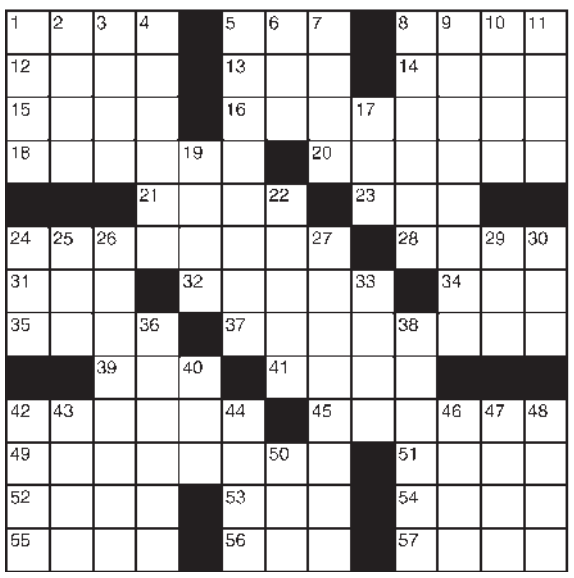

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Demi Lovato, 20; Andrew Garfield, 29; Amy Adams, 38; Al Roker, 58.

**Happy Birthday**: Put time and effort into the jobs, people and places you enjoy most and you will slowly but surely make the changes that will suit you best. Don't fold to the demands others put on you when what's important is making the choices that best suit you. A change in your financial situation looks positive. Your numbers are 9, 12, 17, 21, 33, 35, 41.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Focus on what you enjoy most. Enhance a partnership whether it's personal or professional by treating the person you are involved with to something a little out of the ordinary. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Don't be gullible. Avoid a fast-talker. Ask questions and avoid making a costly error. A short trip will lead to a professional or financial opportunity. Check out real estate or a job that interests you. Make changes conducive to your advancement. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Don't feel the need to address a situation you are not ready to tackle. Activities that help you get in shape or shopping for something that will contribute to your looks will result in compliments. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): You may know what you want, but getting others to agree to your terms won't be as easy. Move forward on your own and you will avoid interference. Keep in mind that an impulsive move isn't likely to pan out the way you expect. ✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): A trip will lead to a change of mind. Interacting with friends or relatives or meeting people that inspire you to try new things will result in enthusiasm and a desire to reach for your goals. Someone from your past will influence you. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Look over personal papers and make suitable changes. Extra money will come to you through an investment, settlement, contract, winning or debt owed. Reclaim an idea you have that can be put into play now. Combine the old with the new and prosper. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Express yourself creatively no matter what you are doing. It's important to meet new people. Revisiting negative problems will only lead to more upset and no resolutions. A partnership with someone sharing your interest will lead to prosperity. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Attend events that can teach you something. Meeting people and mixing business with pleasure will get you closer to your goals as well as position you better with regard to getting the lowdown on other activities that interest you. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't let opposition bother you. Embrace challenge and you will gain ground and make new friends. Love is in the stars and should be coupled with celebrating life and what you have to be thankful for. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Opposition will stand in your way. Take the path of least resistance and you will get what needs to be done out of the way. Spend less time traveling and communicating and more time doing what interests you most. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Personal gains should be your prime concern. Your history will help you realize what you can accomplish now. The people you have known longest will support your efforts. There is money to be made and self-satisfaction to gain. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Give a little back and you will attract interest from someone who can help you fulfill your goals. Someone from your past will contribute to something you want to pursue now. You can rebuild an old friendship, but set ground rules before you begin. ✪✪✪

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**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/20

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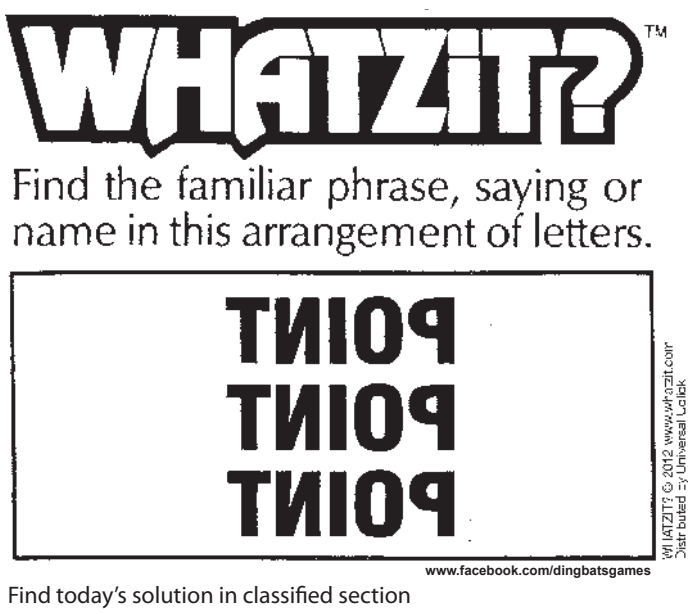


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**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.

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**LOCATION:** Power Division (T & D); Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
**SALARY:** $23,200.00 to $31,324.00 per annum; un-classified, un-graded.
**POSITION:** Two (2).
**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Associate Degree in Construction Management, or a related field and two years of senior engineering technician experience. Knowledge of: Public rights of way; CADD programs; Global Positioning Systems; National Electric Code; Mathematics; Basic engineering concepts. Skill in: Drafting; Preparing engineering drawings using CADD; Preparing charts and graphs; Performing mathematical calculations; Performing basic engineering calculations; Solving problems; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must already have a U.S. or CNMI driver's license.

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# Lester, Gonzalez lead Red Sox over Yankees

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jon Lester shut down the Yankees for seven innings and Adrian Gonzalez provided an early lead with a two-run homer as the Boston Red Sox beat New York 4-1 Saturday for a badly needed win.

Yankees nemesis Pedro Ciriaco was 4 for 4, raising his average against New York this year to .517 (15 for 29), and Boston reliever Craig Breslow and catcher Ryan Lavarnway became what is thought to be the first all-Yale battery in the major leagues since 1883.

The fourth-place Red Sox won for the fourth time in 11 games as they try to right their foundering season.

Lester (7-10) won consecutive starts for the first time since mid-May, allowing five hits and two walks.

Curtis Granderson homered for New York. David Phelps (3-4), making his second spot start while CC Sabathia is on the disabled list, gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

### Royals 9, White Sox 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Mike Moustakas hit a three-run shot as Kansas City beat Chicago, overcoming Adam Dunn's 400th career homer.

Moustakas connected in the eighth and drove in four runs for Kansas City, which has won four of five. Alcides Escobar had four infield singles.

### Orioles 3, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Chris Davis hit a three-run homer to help Baltimore snap Detroit's four-game winning streak.

Adam Jones and Matt Wieters opened the seventh inning with consecutive singles off Rick Porcello (9-8). Davis then drove a 1-1 pitch over the wall in left for his 19th homer, snapping the scoreless tie.

### Rangers 2, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Nelson Cruz hit a two-run homer and Joe Nathan converted his team-record 22nd straight save opportunity as Texas beat Toronto.

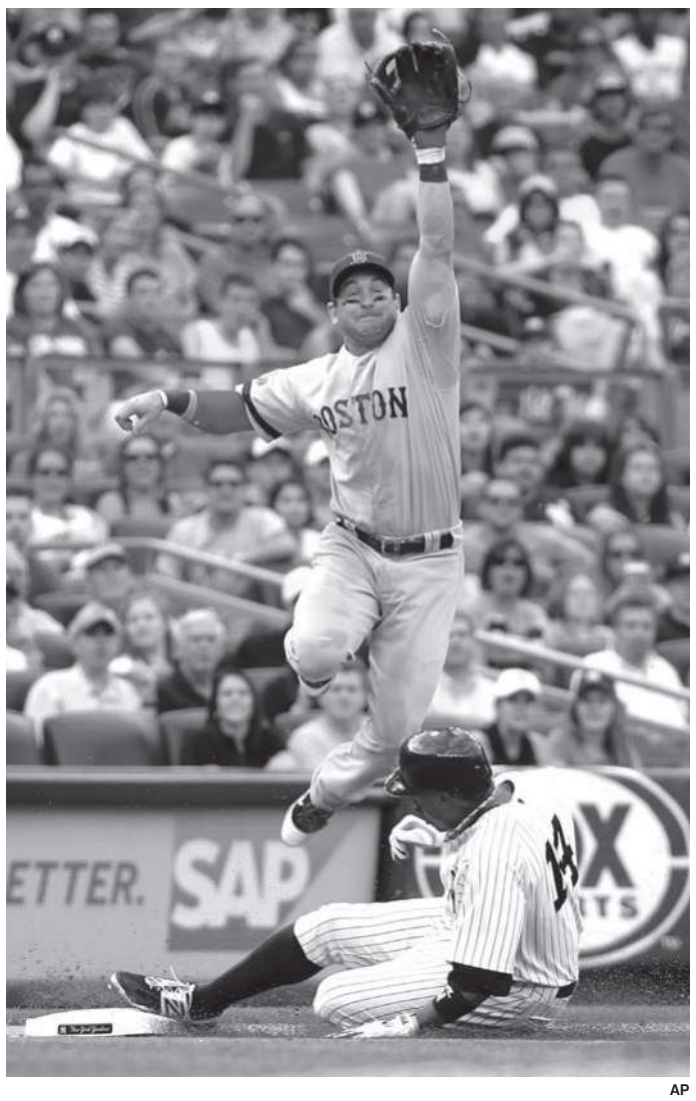
Nathan broke the Rangers mark he shared with Francisco Cordero, who was successful on 21 chances in a row in 2004. Nathan was the sixth pitcher for Texas.

Roy Oswalt started in place of Ryan Dempster, who missed his regular turn because of personal issues.

### Cardinals 5, Pirates 4

In St. Louis, Yadier Molina had three hits and two RBIs in his return to the St. Louis lineup, leading the Cardinals to a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

St. Louis bounced back from Friday night's 2-1 loss in the series opener and pulled within a game of Pittsburgh for the second NL wild-card spot. Jaime Garcia is expected to come off the disabled list to start Sunday's series finale against Pirates right-hander Jeff Karstens.



AP

Boston Red Sox's Nick Punto (5) leaps for a high throw as New York Yankees' Curtis Granderson (14) advances to third base during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

### Diamondbacks 12, Astros 4

In Houston, Aaron Hill hit a three-run homer in a nine-run fifth inning and Chris Young had four hits as Arizona routed Houston.

After the game, the struggling Astros fired manager Brad Mills, hitting coach Mike Barnett and first base coach Bobby Meacham. Mills was in his third season as manager.

The Astros have the worst record in the majors at 39-82.

### Reds 5, Cubs 3, 1st Game
### Cubs 9, Reds 7, 2nd Game

In Cincinnati, Brett Jackson hit his first career home run to help Brooks Raley earn his first major league win, leading Chicago over Cincinnati for a split of their day-night doubleheader.

David DeJesus also homered and Starlin Castro had three hits and two RBIs for the Cubs. Raley (1-2) allowed four runs, three earned, and five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

In the opener, Johnny Cueto remained perfect under the sun and Cincinnati's Todd Frazier hit a go-ahead homer for the second straight game.

### Dodgers 6, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Hanley Ramirez drove in four runs with two homers, including the first of three straight shots by Los Angeles in the second inning against Atlanta.

A crowd of 42,219 attended Major League Baseball's sixth Civil Rights Game. Commissioner Bud Selig sat with Rachel Robinson, the widow of Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier for players, and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, who broke the color barrier for managers.

### Giants 8, Padres 7

In San Diego, Joaquin Arias homered and drove in three runs to lead San Francisco past San Diego.

Hunter Pence drove in two runs and Buster Posey had three hits and a sacrifice fly. The Giants have scored 22 runs on 37 hits in three games since All-Star outfielder Melky Cabrera was suspended Wednesday for 50 games following a positive test for testosterone.

### Mets 2, Nationals 0

In Washington, Jonathon Niese pitched into the eighth inning and Ike Davis hit a two-run homer in the seventh to lead New York over Washington.

Nationals starter Edwin Jackson (7-8) yielded two hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out 11.

### Phillies 4, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Cole Hamels equaled a season high with 10 strikeouts, and John Mayberry Jr. and Erik Kratz hit back-to-back home runs to help Philadelphia end Milwaukee's eight-game home winning streak.

Coming off consecutive shutouts, Hamels (14-6) gave up eight hits and three runs in 7 2-3 innings. He walked just one, but gave up a two-run homer to Ryan Braun with two outs in the eighth.

### Marlins 6, Rockies 5

In Denver, Giancarlo Stanton homered for the sixth straight game at Coors Field as Miami held on to beat Colorado.

Nathan Eovaldi (4-8) pitched effectively into the seventh inning and Bryan Petersen had three hits for the Marlins. Jose Reyes made it 6-0 in the second with a two-run triple.

# Manning's home debut so-so as Denver loses to Seattle

**DENVER** (AP)—Peyton Manning drew his biggest ovation on an incompletion.

Blasted by defensive end Bruce Irvin, the four-time MVP who missed all of last season with a neck injury that required four operations bounced right back up, shook it off and threw a 22-yard bullet to Brandon Stokley on the next play.

It was the highlight of a mostly forgettable home debut for Manning, whose Broncos lost 30-10 to the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday night after Denver's backups were outscored 21-0.

Manning had shown throughout training camp that his arm strength was back along with his accuracy. The only question left was whether he could take a hard hit after undergoing neck fusion surgery last September.

The answer came with 1:25 left in the first half when Irvin beat right tackle Orlando Franklin and had a clean shot at the quarterback.

"I came into the game trying to be the first one to get a shot on him since he's been back and I guess I succeeded," Irvin said. "He's a great quarterback, got the ball out quick and it's hard to get to him. I just put on a good move and just so happened to get through."

Welcome back to the NFL, Peyton.

"He didn't say anything. He moaned a little bit, though," Irvin said. "So I guess he really felt it. It was a good hit, good play and now it's time to move on."

Manning's sentiments, too, after his first hit in 19 months.

"I never heard a crowd cheer for an incompletion before," Manning said. "I think the next pass was to Stokley, right? That's what I told you I was going to do."

Indeed, Manning had been saying for weeks that he only hoped that first big hit happened on first or second down so he could bounce back up and complete a long pass.

He couldn't decide what was better, getting that initial big blast out of the way or putting a halt to all the questions about whether he could still take a hit.

"Both of them are just fine with me," Manning said.

As the ball sailed out of bounds, Manning popped right back up and the crowd went wild.

"We weren't worried about it. I think everybody else was," Stokley said. "Now, we don't have to hear about that anymore."

Instead, they can concentrate on all the mistakes they've been making with Manning under center.

Manning played the first half and gave the Broncos (1-1) a 10-9 lead despite three turnovers, including an interception in the red zone for the second straight week, and another at midfield on a bad overthrow.

He looked great on a 2-minute drive, but that stalled when tight end Jacob Tamme, his old pal from Indianapolis, dropped a wide-open touchdown pass 6 seconds before halftime following a drop by Eric Decker and a 15-yard penalty on center J.D. Walton.

"Well, we moved the ball well," Stokley said. "We had a good 2-minute drive going and we kind of shot ourselves in the foot with the 15-yard penalty. So, we did some good things and then we did some bad things, so you've just got to be glad it's preseason and not the regular season."

Terrell Owens had a disappointing debut for the Seahawks (2-0), failing to catch any of the five passes thrown his way.

# *Giants stifle Sanchez, Tebow in 26-3 win vs Jets*

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** (AP)—It didn't matter if it was Mark Sanchez or Tim Tebow at quarterback. The New York Jets could do little against the New York Giants' relentless defense.

Rookie Jayron Hosley returned an interception of Sanchez 77 yards for a touchdown, and the defending Super Bowl champions stifled the Jets in a 26-3 preseason victory over the hometown rivals on Saturday night.

Tebow, making his home debut for the Jets (0-2), led the Jets (No. 14 in the AP Pro32) to their only points of the night on a 30-yard field goal by Josh Brown. But he, like Sanchez, struggled to get much of anything going while working with the second-team offense.

"As a defensive line, we were able to get some pressure," Giants defensive end Justin Tuck said. "And that's really what we need to do if we want to be a good defense. Defensively, as a whole, we played pretty well. We were able rush the quarterback. ... It's a step in the right direction, a plus for us."

Lawrence Tynes kicked four field goals, and former Rutgers fullback Joe Martinek had a 14-yard touchdown catch for the Giants (1-1). Eli Manning and the Giants (No. 3) starters were mostly quiet, too, with the Super Bowl MVP going 7 of 14 for 62 yards and an interception, but they didn't need much to win on this night.

"I thought we had a couple good drives and moved the ball," Manning said. "We converted some third downs, had some opportunities, but didn't get in the end zone. Whenever you play the Jets, you're always going against a great defense."

Sanchez finished 9 of 11 for 59 yards and the costly interception, but was under pressure on nearly every play. He was sacked three times, including twice by Jason Pierre-Paul. The Jets were without injured wide receivers Santonio Holmes, Jeremy Kerley and Chaz Schilens, and it showed.

Jets coach Rex Ryan joked his team's offense would be "vanilla with some sprinkles"—and he wasn't kidding. The Jets started slowly and never really got going as the Giants' front seven played like the group that helped lead them to the Super Bowl title last season.

Tebow came in to a mixed reaction—cheers from Jets fans and boos from the loads of Giants fans in attendance—and appeared to energize the team. But he had a shot at his first touchdown on second-and-20 from the 29 and short-hopped a pass to a wide-open Stephen Hill in the end zone. The Jets settled for Brown's field goal that bounced off the right upright and over the crossbar to cut the deficit to 16-3 with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

Tebow was 4 of 5 for 52 yards on the drive, and had two runs for 5 yards, but finished 5 of 14 for 69 yards.

# Garcia shoots 66, takes 1-stroke lead at Wyndham

AP

Sergio Garcia, of Spain, lines up a putt on the 18th green during the third round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012.

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** (AP) — No lead is ever really safe at birdie-friendly Sedgefield Country Club. The last time Sergio Garcia played here, he learned that the hard way.

Garcia shot a 4-under 66 on Saturday to take the lead at 14-under 196 after three rounds at the Wyndham Championship.

It's a familiar spot for the Spaniard, who shared the third-round lead in 2009 but wound up finishing fourth after falling a stroke shy of a three-man playoff.

"Eighteen pars are not going to win it," Garcia said. "You have to make some birdies out there. ... I don't have a number. I'm not going to say I need to shoot 4 under, 5 under, or whatever. Someone might go out and shoot 9 under, and 5 under's not good enough."

Tim Clark and Bud Cauley were a stroke back, and Jason Dufner, Harris English and Carl Pettersson were at 12 under in the last event before the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Dufner shot a 63—the day's best round. Cauley had a 66, Clark shot a 67, and English and Pettersson had 68s.

Garcia—whose second-round 63 marked his best PGA Tour round in a decade—made a move with consecutive birdies midway through the back nine that briefly helped him leapfrog his playing partner, Clark.

Garcia plopped his tee shot 4 feet from the flagstick on the par-3 12th and tapped in, then followed that with a birdie on No. 13 to move to 14 under. Then, after just his second bogey of the tournament, he bounced back with a birdie on No. 15.

If he can keep it rolling for one more round, he might claim his first win on the tour since 2008—and strengthen his chances to make the European Ryder Cup team.

"Winning means a lot, no matter what," Garcia said.

Clark might have had the lead comfortably to himself, had he not missed short birdie putts on consecutive holes midway through the back nine.

Instead, he'll have to settle for a share of second place with Cauley, who had three straight late birdies.

"Today, the scoring was out there and obviously, the leaders didn't really get away from anyone," Clark said. "I felt like we all could have gone a little bit lower, but it's going to be the same tomorrow, really. A shootout. There's so many guys, probably, still in this tournament."

It's usually a birdiefest every August at this Donald Ross course, but for most players, it seems to be playing a little tougher this year. The cut of 1 under was the event's highest since it moved to Sedgefield in 2008.

The average winner's score in four years at this course has been 19 under, and it sure looks as if this year's champ—whomever it is—will approach that number.

Webb Simpson, a native North Carolinian and college star here who won the U.S. Open in June, won it at 18 under last year and came back to defend a title for the first time in his short career.

The only player with consecutive victories in this tournament has his name on the winner's trophy: Sam Snead, who did it twice—in 1949-50 and 1955-56.

Simpson started one stroke back and a short while after his birdie on the par-5 No. 5—the easiest, and most frequently eagled, hole on the course this week—was part of a six-man logjam that shared the lead at 12 under. Joining him were English, Clark, Garcia, Pettersson and second-round leader Jimmy Walker.

English was the first to backslide with a bogey on No. 11. Walker fell off the pace with a bogey on No. 10.

Simpson ran into big trouble late in his round with consecutive bogeys, sending his tee shot on No. 15 into some deep rough and then three-putting on No. 16, and his 71 dropped him four strokes back.

Dufner, who at No. 3 is the top player in the playoff standings in the Wyndham field, finished strong with birdies on three of his final four holes to sneak up the leaderboard.

"Kind of what I needed to get back in this tournament, post a low score and kind of be in the mix tomorrow," Dufner said.

Justin Leonard, who shot a 64, was one of the biggest movers. He started at 4 under and used a steady stream of birdies to make his climb. He needs a high finish to earn enough points to qualify for the playoffs, which begin next week at The Barclays.

"I know I need a top-three, top-four finish and ... I certainly gave myself a better chance," Leonard said.

Jeff Overton had the first hole-in-one of the week - and his first on the tour—on No. 12, using a 6-iron to ace the 196-yard hole. After finishing his round, he tweeted: "What a sweet shot. Too bad i didnt win a car."

# Wade says LeBron made Olympics seem 'effortless'

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla.** (AP) —All LeBron James has done so far this year is win the NBA's MVP award for the third time, an NBA Finals MVP trophy to go along with that one, his elusive first championship and a second Olympic gold medal.

Dwyane Wade thinks his Miami Heat teammate is just getting started.

With the start of Heat training camp now just six weeks away, Wade said on Friday that he expects James to be even better this coming season now that the will-he-ever-win-a-championship question has been forever put to rest.

"That monkey is off his back and now he's just playing basketball," Wade said while taking a break from his annual fantasy camp, where fans pay up to $12,500 to get a four-day luxury taste of NBA life. "I think we'll see a better LeBron James—scary to say, three-time MVP—than we've seen. And it's because all he has to do is play basketball now. He doesn't have to worry about what he hasn't done. It'll always be something, but he's got the biggest one off his back."

Wade was a James fan instead of a James teammate this summer, when the U.S. men's basketball team won its second straight Olympic gold. Wade could not play while recovering from knee surgery but was in London for part of the Olympic tournament, and he said James made playing at a high level—such as a triple-double against Australia in the quarterfinal round—seem "effortless."

It's been that way for a while, too.

Going back to Miami's win-or-go-home Game 6 in Boston of the Eastern Conference finals, James has played in 20 games with the Heat and for USA Basketball. In those, his teams are 19-1, with the lone loss being Game 1 of the NBA Finals against Oklahoma City.

Four straight wins to close that title series, then five straight exhibition victories with the U.S. team, then an 8-0 Olympic record—17 straight wins in all.

"He's on an amazing run," Wade said. "When you're on these kind of runs, you enjoy it. You keep going because you don't know when it's going to stop. I think he's just enjoying it right now. He's doing all this stuff without thinking about it. He's breaking records. He's in the history books. He's not thinking about it; he's just doing it. He's at a gear that I've seen myself at before when it just feels easy. He's just a gear above everyone."

Soon, Wade hopes to be back at his usual gear.

He's starting to hit the peak of his offseason schedule. Wade hosts his annual "Wade's World" weekend for kids in Chicago next week, then begins his book tour in New York on Sept. 4. Wade spent much of the past year writing a book about his experience as a father and the custody fight for his two sons.

# *Ibaka's new deal with Thunder reportedly for $48M*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP) —The Oklahoma City Thunder took a big step toward sticking around as an NBA championship contender.

The Thunder and general manager Sam Presti still face difficult decisions in the team's quest to remain a title threat for the long haul after reaching the NBA Finals last season, but reaching a contract extension with blocks leader Serge Ibaka is certainly a good start.

Ibaka came to terms on the deal on Saturday as the Thunder locked up another key member of their nucleus while also putting into question whether the small-market team can afford to keep Sixth Man of the Year James Harden beyond next season..

Ibaka posted on Twitter that he was happy for the chance to play for the Thunder for five more years. Presti didn't provide details of the contract, citing team policy, but Yahoo! Sports first reported that the deal is for four additional years and $48 million.

''At 23 years old (by the time next season starts), we really do expect his best basketball to be in front of him," Presti said in a conference call, hours before his wedding.

Presti dismissed the notion that Ibaka's signing means that Harden's departure is inevitable. But with more than $50 million committed per season to All-Stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook and starting center Kendrick Perkins, there is not much room left in the budget for Harden, who earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic team that won gold in London.

Ibaka played for Spain's silver-medal winning Olympic team. Both he and Harden were eligible for extensions to their rookie contracts for the first time this summer and were set to become free agents after next season.

''We're going to continue our conversations with James. We very much value him," Presti said. ''We want him to be a part of our organization moving forward. We're excited that he's a member of the Thunder and we're hopeful that he'll be with us for years moving forward."

To make that happen, Oklahoma City would likely have to go over the salary cap—set at about $58 million for next season—and pay a luxury tax or make other moves, such as using the amnesty clause to erase Perkins' contract.

The Thunder have already let veteran free agents Nazr Mohammed and Royal Ivey sign elsewhere, and Derek Fisher remains unsigned. Backup point guard Eric Maynor, who missed most of last season due to a knee injury, also would become a free agent after next season.

''There's still a commitment for us to try to find a way to make it work for everybody, but we know there's going to be some difficult decisions that have to be made," Presti said. ''We're looking forward to trying to figure those things out, and having Serge in place is certainly a benefit for our organization moving forward knowing that we have another core player that will be with us for the foreseeable future."

Ibaka was the No. 24 pick in the draft in 2008, the same year Presti selected Westbrook. A native of the Republic of Congo, Ibaka remained overseas for a year before joining the Thunder and developing into a defensive stopper.

He led the NBA with 198 blocks in the 2010-11 season and finished second in the voting for Defensive Player of the Year last season after recording a league-best 241—a franchise record 3.65 per game.

# IT&E Voyagers, Eight It! lead in SBA 8-ball league

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Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Equalizers, seen here posing for a group photo, pulled off a 9-6 road win over 19th Hole Bar's Titans II in the Thursday division of SBA's 8-ball league last week.

SOS Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers and Waterfront's Eight It! emerged as the front-runners in the Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League after last week's matches

Last Tuesday, the IT&E Voyagers downed sister squad IT&E Incredibles, 10-5, in a road match held at Oceanside to improve to a Tuesday league's best of 39-21 record,

The Docomo Home Boyz (36-24) of Joe's Steakhouse, is still in the race, trailing by only three wins after posting a similar 10-5 victory against Crazy 8 (26-34) in a road match held at Poseidon Bar & Grill.

In other results, third placer Utopia Sports Bar Blue Ice Hustlers (35-25) bested the 19th Hole Bar's Titans I (15-45), 9-6, on the road and Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers grinded (34-26) out an 8-7 home victory over Yuichiro's Printing (24-36).

Waterfront's Eight It! went into Wild Bill's Bar & Grill last Thursday and took a 10-5 win over Shark Attack (24-36) to improve to 38-22 record and keep the Thursday league lead.

In other results, Bammy's Equalizers upset 19th Hole's Titans II, 9-6, on the road and are now tied for second place with the latter, as they hold similar 35-25 slates. Fourth-ranked Jonny's Team SCS (29-31) worked out an 8-7 home win over the 19th Hole Eagles (19-41).

Meanwhile, tomorrow's Tuesday league pairings will have Yuichiros Printing hosting the IT&E Incredibles, the Docomo Home Boyz waiving in the Triggers, the Blue Ice Hustlers hailing Crazy 8, and the IT&E Voyagers setting the table for Titans I.

Thursday's matchups show the Eagles calling over Shark Attack, the Equalizers hosting Team SCS, and Waterfront's Eight It! inviting Titans II.

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going early in the game to take a 22-12 advantage and padded their lead in the next three quarters en route to the 23-point win.

Nevin Salem, Bryl Alegre, Jack Aranda, and Jun Tabora made at least two field goals each in the opening canto to give San Antonio the early double-digit lead. While San Antonio had a balance offense, Wushin Express relied heavily on Ivan Devero, who was the only player on his team to score more than two points in the first quarter.

Wushin's offense was so predictable that all San Antonio had to do were met Devero at the top key and clogged the driving lane to neutralize him and retain control of the match.

San Antonio managed to held Devero to only one field goal in the second period and then drew eight straight points from Melvin Cadiang off the bench to stretch the lead to 11 at halftime, 45-34.

The margin ballooned to as high as 25 points in the third period, as San Antonio continued to run a balance offense, while Wushin kept on leaning on Devero. Then in the fourth period, Wushin made a little headway, moving within 15, 63-78. However, Adrian Palacios reported back into the game and drilled 8 markers in the final half of the fourth canto to foil Wushin's comeback bid.

Palacios top-scored for San Antonio (3-1) with 16 points, while Tabora added 14 and Cadiang and Salem chipped in 13. Aranda and Alegre completed San Antonio's balance attack as they were just one point short of scoring in double figures.

Devero as expected led Wushin with 22 points, while Rocyl Ritual and Raymark Castro contributed 11 apiece, but scored most of their points when the game was already over. Ferdie Tobias had a quiet 8-point production and the rest of Wushin players combined for only 11 markers. Wushin played without Pete Lizama.

### LD Prime 93, Docomo/Yuichiro 74

In the curtain raiser, LD Prime gained its third win in as many games in Pool B after routing Docomo/Yuichiro.

The match was close at the half with Docomo (0-3) behind by only 8, 35-43, but LD Prime had a 25-13 scoring in the third period to open a big 20-point lead, 68-48. Myler Magtuloy and Syl Teregeyo teamed up in LD Prime's third-quarter breakaway with the former nailing 8 points and the latter adding 7.

Docomo never recovered from thereon, as it had only Badong Camacho consistently making his shots in the fourth canto. He finished with a game-high 26 markers.

White Capalad paced LD Prime with his 25 points, tallying 9 in the opening quarter to keep his team afloat, 17-19. Teregeyo, who was scoreless in the first period, helped Capalad out on offense in the second canto and LD Prime went on to grab the lead at the break, 43-35. Teregeyo and Capalad totaled for 13 points in the second frame where LD Prime outgunned Docomo, 26-16.

### First Game

**LD Prime 93** – Capalad 25, Magtuloy 18, Teregeyo 15, Lerio 9, Gabaldon 8, S. Quemado 8, Hernaez 6, K. Quemado 2.

**Docomo/Yuchiro 74** – Camacho 26, Abedes 15, Joson 7, Lizardo 6, Achas 4, Enriquez 4, Sanciangco 4, Tengco 4, Gomez 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-19, 43-35, 68-48, 93-74.

### Second Game

**Brgy. San Antonio 91** – Palacios 16, Tabora 14, Cadiang 13, Ne. Salem 13, Alegre 9, Aranda 9, Guilas 4, De Guzman 2, Villanueva 2, Saturno 2.

**Wushin Express 68** – Devero 22, Ritual 11, Castro 11, Tobias 8, Villasan 4, Tibayan 2, Patawaran 2, Farinas 2, Ebuen 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-12, 45-34, 70-48, 91-68.

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card), IT&E (2-0-6), and Go Green (1-0-7).

In the women's division, Shirley's Coffee Shop was awarded the championship trophy after posting a 7-2-1 record in the six-team field. Shirley's also logged the most goals in the division with 43 and gave up only for a best goal difference of 24.

The champion team had 11 members in goalies Angie Ito and Neeka Atalig, Liz Phan, Kaiza Lucido, Yvonne Indalencio, Mary Urena, Irish Pagarao, Dianne Pablo, Charlene Lizardo, Maica Aniana, and Jeraldine Castillo. Shirley's defeated Wild Bill's (6-2-2), Xerox (5-1-4), Baked Girls (4-1-5), IT&E Awesome (4-1-5), and Mellow Yellow (0-1-9).

The boys U18 crown went to the IP&E-sponsored Astig Futsal, who swept the three-round robin competition that also featured the Thundercats (5-0-4), IT&E (1-0-8), and Mean Machine (0-0-9).

Astig Futsal collected division's best 89 goals and allowed only 21 (the least in the group). The team was composed of Jeff Palacios, Kenneth Domingo, Tanapon Unsa, Konkoed, Marc Mora, Oliver Lumad, Billy Hinson, Woo Seok Choi, and Joshua Galarion.

In the two-team battle for the boys U14 championship, IT&E prevailed over Astig Futsal, as the former posted four wins against the latter. IT&E players include Bada lee, Moris Villanueva, Jeremie Tanghal, John Masga, Greg Sablan, Jullien Pelligrino, Christian Valenzuela, Sun Joon Tenorio, Dakota Hall, Wataru Tajima, and John Taisacan.

Perpetual trophies were handed out to the division champions, while organizers presented plaques to Fair Play awardees—Go Green Team (men's), Mellow Yellow (women's), Astig (U18), and IT&E (U14).

League officials and SSS president Jerry Tan also recognized the Golden Boot winners in the four divisions: Thoensaket (men's), Pagarao (women's), Unsa (U18), and Taisacan (U14). All four received medals for scoring the most goals in their respective divisions.

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ment on the west course and hit the turn in first place with a 41, tying eventual fourth placer Masayo Miyamoto. Jeon then played even better on the back nine with her 38, while Miyamoto faded down the homestretch and scratched a 45 for an 86 gross.

Sun Suk Kim trailed Miyamoto and Jeon by just two strokes at the midpoint and roared through the back nine with an even 36 to tie Jeon's raw total of 79. The co-leaders coincidentally shared handicaps of 7, leaving them tied anew in the low net category (72), so club ground rules had to break the tie.

Joining Jeon and Sun Suk Kim in the Top 3 was Mio Kim, who finished three strokes behind the former. Mio Kim had a gross 86, built from a 46 and 40 on the from and back nines, respectively, and deducting her 11 handicap, she finished with a net 75.

Meanwhile, CWGA would like to welcome two other new members—Mina Park and Yinnu Cai.

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leadoff man Justin Santos.

However, the Orioles quickly broke the deadlock with a four-run gash in the top of the fourth inning off two hits and some costly errors. Kenji Yamagata and Jun Rabauliman bagged a pair of RBI base rips, while Jonah Flores drew a walk and stole home. The other run came in off an infield error.

The Rockies buttoned up on defense after the hiccup and turned a nice double play to close the top portion of the sixth, but could not get things going with their bats in the last three innings. They boarded just one runner in the fourth, fifth and sixth exchanges, were picked off trying to steal second base, and only managed runners on the corners in the final stand.

Rabauliman went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the Orioles, while Yamagata batted 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run.

### Reds 4, Dodgers 2

In the second game, the Reds entered the win column after pulling out a four-run rally in the seventh inning.

The Reds, Dodgers, and Rockies now hold similar 1-2 records.

Hits came at a premium in the late match, as the Dodgers dominated six innings, but failed to finish what they started

After three scoreless innings, the Dodgers' Jonathan Cabrera finally broke the ice in the fourth inning. He drew a one-out a walk and snuck around the base path off a couple infield errors.

Cabrera's teammate, Jose Tydingco, was also issued a free pass, with one out, in the next frame and stole second base, third, and home plate to give the Dodgers a 2-0 favor.

With two innings left, it was still anybody's game, which later turned out to be a pitching duel between the rival squads.

The Dodgers were flirting with a no-hitter coming into the final inning of regulation, but the Reds rose to the occasion in the clutch and swiped the lead, 4-2.

The Dodgers walked the first two batters, but came back and retired the next two to stay in the lead in the fifth inning, 2-1.

Then Reds' leadoff man AJ Cabrera stepped in and busted up the no-no, scoring Khobby Kaipat before attaining the go-ahead run off a wild pitch later in the inning. Peter Lieto kept things going for the Reds with his base hit and was escorted to the dish by Keene Guerrero. The Dodgers went three up and three down against Reds' closer Lancaster Secharmedal in the fifth.

Reds pitchers Secharmedal, Guerrero, Peter Lieto, and Ian Rogolifoi combined for a one-hitter in the game. The Dodgers' Jonathan Cabrera cracked the lone hit in the sixth inning.

Meanwhile, games schedule in the summer league will shift into a weekday format once the Saipan Major League Baseball postseason is over.

The Triple A youth league is organized by the SMLBA with the help of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 71 | 49 | .592 | – |
| Tampa Bay | 66 | 54 | .550 | 5 |
| Baltimore | 65 | 55 | .542 | 6 |
| Boston | 59 | 62 | .488 | 12 1/2 |
| Toronto | 56 | 64 | .467 | 15 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 65 | 54 | .546 | – |
| Detroit | 64 | 56 | .533 | 1 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 54 | 66 | .450 | 11 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 53 | 66 | .445 | 12 |
| Minnesota | 50 | 69 | .420 | 15 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 69 | 50 | .580 | – |
| Oakland | 64 | 55 | .538 | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 59 | .512 | 8 |
| Seattle | 57 | 64 | .471 | 13 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 74 | 46 | .617 | – |
| Atlanta | 70 | 50 | .583 | 4 |
| New York | 57 | 63 | .475 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 55 | 65 | .458 | 19 |
| Miami | 55 | 66 | .455 | 19 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 73 | 48 | .603 | – |
| Pittsburgh | 66 | 54 | .550 | 6 1/2 |
| St. Louis | 65 | 55 | .542 | 7 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 54 | 65 | .454 | 18 |
| Chicago | 47 | 72 | .395 | 25 |
| Houston | 39 | 82 | .322 | 34 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 66 | 54 | .550 | – |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 55 | .545 | 1/2 |
| Arizona | 61 | 59 | .508 | 5 |
| San Diego | 52 | 70 | .426 | 15 |
| Colorado | 45 | 73 | .381 | 20 |

### WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

**GREENSBORO, North Carolina** (AP) – Scores Friday from the Wyndham Championship, a PGA Tour event played at the 7,117-yard, par-70 Sedgefield Country Club.

**Third Round**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sergio Garcia | 67 | 63 | 66 | 196 |
| Tim Clark | 63 | 67 | 67 | 197 |
| Bud Cauley | 66 | 65 | 66 | 197 |
| Harris English | 66 | 64 | 68 | 198 |
| Carl Pettersson | 62 | 68 | 68 | 198 |
| Jason Dufner | 68 | 67 | 63 | 198 |
| Jimmy Walker | 66 | 62 | 71 | 199 |
| Matt Every | 65 | 66 | 68 | 199 |
| Davis Love III | 67 | 66 | 66 | 199 |
| Troy Matteson | 64 | 68 | 68 | 200 |
| Webb Simpson | 66 | 63 | 71 | 200 |
| Chad Campbell | 71 | 64 | 65 | 200 |
| Bill Haas | 68 | 65 | 67 | 200 |
| Will Claxton | 69 | 66 | 65 | 200 |
| Richard H. Lee | 66 | 69 | 65 | 200 |
| Justin Leonard | 68 | 68 | 64 | 200 |
| Nicolas Colsaerts | 67 | 65 | 69 | 201 |
| Tommy Gainey | 66 | 67 | 68 | 201 |
| Scott Stallings | 64 | 70 | 67 | 201 |
| Bobby Gates | 69 | 67 | 65 | 201 |
| Charl Schwartzel | 67 | 68 | 66 | 201 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 67 | 67 | 68 | 202 |
| Kevin Streelman | 68 | 66 | 68 | 202 |
| John Merrick | 66 | 69 | 67 | 202 |
| Heath Slocum | 68 | 67 | 67 | 202 |
| Billy Horschel | 69 | 67 | 66 | 202 |
| John Huh | 69 | 65 | 69 | 203 |
| Trevor Immelman | 67 | 68 | 68 | 203 |
| Graham DeLaet | 69 | 67 | 67 | 203 |
| Rocco Mediate | 70 | 65 | 68 | 203 |
| D.A. Points | 68 | 68 | 67 | 203 |
| Brendon de Jonge | 68 | 68 | 67 | 203 |
| Chris Kirk | 66 | 69 | 69 | 204 |
| Rod Pampling | 68 | 66 | 70 | 204 |
| Dicky Pride | 69 | 68 | 67 | 204 |
| Kyle Thompson | 69 | 67 | 68 | 204 |
| Gary Christian | 67 | 70 | 67 | 204 |
| Tim Herron | 76 | 61 | 67 | 204 |
| Angel Cabrera | 67 | 71 | 66 | 204 |
| Patrick Cantlay | 70 | 68 | 66 | 204 |
| Jamie Donaldson | 68 | 66 | 71 | 205 |
| Nick Watney | 66 | 69 | 70 | 205 |
| Alexandre Rocha | 68 | 68 | 69 | 205 |

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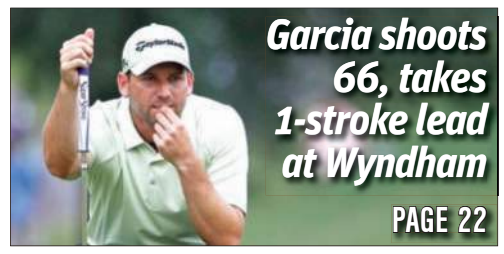




# Orioles still spotless in summer league

## Lopsided victories in DLX caging

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Brgy. San Antonio and LD Prime notched their third win after whipping separate foes in the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

San Antonio played in the second game and recovered from a 73-78 loss to Zhaila's All Starz with a 91-68 spanking of Wushin Express (1-1).

The young and fast crew of San Antonio got things

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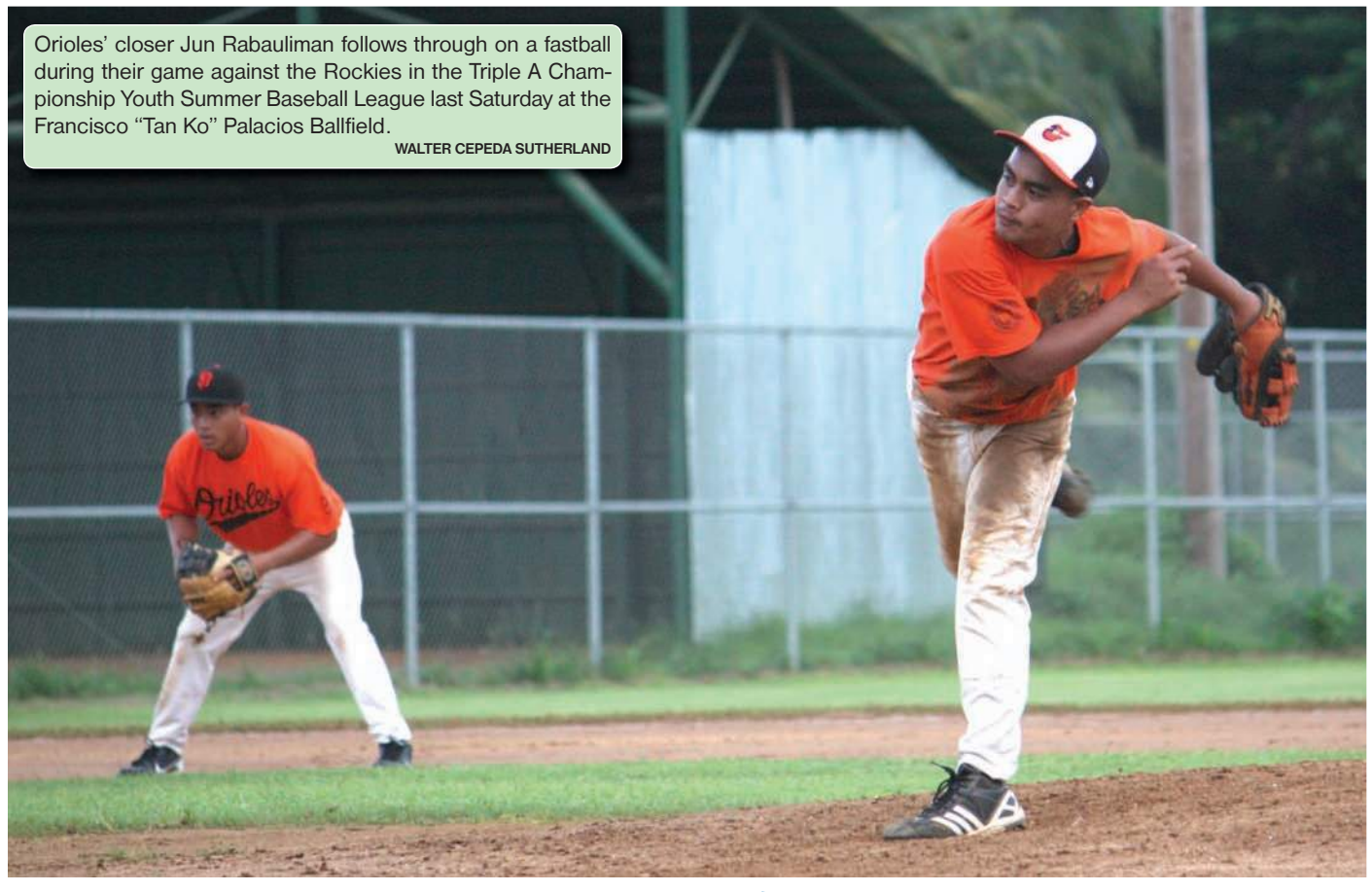
Brgy. San Antonio's Jaymark De Guzman goes for a reverse layup and is fouled by Wushin Express' Jerry Farinas during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Orioles' closer Jun Rabauliman follows through on a fastball during their game against the Rockies in the Triple A Championship Youth Summer Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.
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The Orioles extended their winning streak to three after fending off the Rockies, 5-1, in the first game in the U18 Triple A Championship Youth Summer Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

After struggling in the first three innings, the Orioles got the needed breaks in the top of the fourth and scored four runs to gain cushion en route to their third win in as many games. The Rockies absorbed their second loss after three matches.

Frankie Camacho drew a one-out walk and scored off an error in the opening frame to get the Orioles on the board.

The Rockies tried to battle back in the bottom frame, but left runners on the corners. They then managed to tie the game briefly in the third inning off an RBI single from Cedric Ada, who brought home

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## Futsal league' top performers cited

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The 2012 Saipan Soccer School Summer Futsal League concluded last Friday with the awarding of trophies and medals to outstanding individuals and teams in a brief ceremony at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Leading the list of awardees was the unbeaten Wild Bill's, which ruled the five-team men's division. The champion team was composed of Jack Thoensaket, Tanapon Unsa, Greg Borja, Adul Detdon, Lar Wonpariya, Kai Khamka, and Konkoed. Wild Bill's swept all eight matches in the double-round robin competition, earning 24 points and 85 goals.

The newly crowned champion had the second most goals scored in the men's league, behind the 88 of runner-up Godfather's, but topped the goal difference ranking with its 63 after giving up only 22. Godfather's gave up 43 for a goal difference of 45. Rounding out the men's division were Shirley's Coffee Shop (3-0-5 win-draw-loss

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Astig Futsal members and coach Jersh Angeles, fifth from left, pose with their U18 championship trophy during the awards ceremony for the 2012 Saipan Soccer School Summer Futsal League last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai. Also in the photo is league organizer Angie Ito, right.

## Newcomer wins CWGA August Ace

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CWGA members pose for a group photo during their August Ace of the Month tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort early this month.

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Newcomer Me Ae Jeon topped 20 other competitors to clinch the CNMI Women Golfers Association August Ace.

Jeon actually tied Sun Suk Kim for first place, as they recorded similar net scores of 72 in the Aug. 11 monthly tournament held at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort, but the former was declared the winner via the club's secret hole scorecard tiebreaker ground rule.

With the victory, Jeon now joins the company of Ace monthly champions Noriko Togawa (May), Xiao Lin Wang (June), and Sherlyn Jones (July).

Jeon hit the ground running during a few required preliminary rounds earlier in the season and although it was not a big surprise that she would eventually qualify into the season-ending Ace of Aces spectacle, she was still impressive in her debut. New CWGA members must complete a certain number of rounds in order to determine their handicap values before being eligible to compete.

Jeon had her first tourna-

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